




SOURIS

Manitoba



A decorative border made of stylized black ink flowers and leaves, framing the central text. The flowers have five petals and are connected by a winding vine with several leaves. The border starts at the top left, goes right, then curves down on the right side, then left at the bottom, and finally up on the left side to close the frame.

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The Town of Souris.



SITUATED on the high banks at the confluence of Plum Creek with the Souris River (pronounced Sooris) is one of the few towns of Manitoba that owe anything to the advantages of situation. The valley of Plum Creek, winding down from the west, breaks into the Souris valley some thirty miles above its entrance into the Assiniboine, and one hundred and fifty miles west of Winnipeg. Here, the town overlooks the valleys of both streams, stretching westward and eastward, making a delightful situation that has given it the reputation of being the prettiest town in the Province of Manitoba. The first settler in the district was Capt. G. Wood, who came from Kingston, Ontario, in the spring of 1880. Leaving Winnipeg in May of that year, he travelled the greater part of the province with a prairie outfit. During three months he travelled more than four hundred miles in search of land, but

when he at last struck Souris he was so impressed with the richness of the soil and the beauty of the scenery that he decided to homestead at once. The Souris plains were the last haunt of the bison in Manitoba, and the country was then all unchanged, just as they had left it on their retreat to the Rocky Mountains. No clouds of dust blew before the spring gales and no smoke rose up in the clear air of the Souris valley. Only here and there a camp of the wandering Sioux relieved the weary land hunter of the impression that all this silent region of grassy slopes and valleys was feared, avoided, and altogether uninhabited by human creatures.

Mr. Wood was followed into the district by Mr. Thos. Hicks, the same summer. But the main settlement was made by the Millbrook Colonization Company in 1881. In August of 1880, Mr. W. H. Sowden was sent to Manitoba by that company to select a suitable place for the projected colony. After spending a short time prospecting the country along the line of the C.

P. R. and finding high prices with no large blocks available, he travelled southwestwardly and struck the Souris about the mouth of the Plum Creek. Although impressed with the natural advantages of this district, he continued his journey up the Souris, passed through what are now the Hartney, Melita, Antlers and other well known districts, westward as far as the coal fields. He returned here, however, deciding it to be the best for soil, water, situation, and in all other respects. He returned to Ontario with his report, and the Millbrook Colonization Company was granted, by the Ottawa Government, townships six and seven and the south half of eight, in ranges twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two. Mr. Sowden again visited the district in October, collecting much useful information of a topographical character for the use of prospective settlers. Next spring the colony was actually established, and from the beginning the prosperous Souris district has been developed.

Souris is an important railway junction and divisional point, the Brandon, Glenboro, Alameda, and Arcola branches of the C. P. R. all converging their business here. It has a modern roller flour mill of 350 bbls. capacity, seven grain elevators with a capacity of 265,000 bushels, two chartered and one private bank, four churches — Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic—an intermediate school with a staff of five teachers, an iron and brass foundry, a

planing mill, an up-to-date newspaper, five general stores, two hardware stores, three drug stores, two jewellery stores, etc., etc. The population of the town is nine hundred. The Board of Trade is one of the strong features of Souris' business life. This organization is accomplishing much good in the way of protecting and forwarding the business interests of the town. It has lately expressed itself favorable to the incorporation of Souris as a town and is endeavoring to attain that end. The principal officers are: W. G. McLaren, president; A. J. Stewart, vice-president; W. G. Hetherington, secretary-treasurer.

Glenwood Roller Mills, owned by McCulloch & Herriot, were first established in 1882. The present fine mill of 350 barrels capacity was built in 1898. Both Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Herriot came from Galt, Ont., and have been closely identified with the progress of the district since the first bushel of wheat was grown in the settlement. They also own a flour mill at Rapid City. Besides their large milling and export grain business, they do considerable practical farming, and deal in thoroughbred Hereford cattle. They are the largest wheat buyers on the Souris market and have an elevator of 80,000 bushels capacity in connection with the mill. See pages 14 and 15.

Mr. Jas. H. Bartlett's jewellery store was one of the first jewellery stores in Souris, Mr. Bartlett having

bought the business from Mr. Mallet, who started the store eight years ago. Since that time he has been a successful business man. He owns and occupies a handsome brick block and carries a valuable and up-to-date stock. Besides being an expert watchmaker and jeweller Mr. Bartlett is a graduate optician, and his services are much in request; his mail order department has grown to be quite an item of his business. Don't forget he issues marriage licenses. He is a lover of sport, but Canada's national game takes first place in his affection, as his position of President of the Souris Lacrosse Club sufficiently indicates. See page 17.

Messrs. Currie and Burland, dealers in all kinds of agricultural implements and threshing machinery, have been established five years and carry on a flourishing business. They are two of the most popular men in Souris, and are among the foremost in all public enterprises for the good of the community. Mr. Currie is president of the Glenwood Agricultural Society, while Mr. Burland is president of the Souris brass band. See page 19.

Capt. A. L. Young, commander of "C" squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles, is a private banker and does a large real estate and insurance business. He is largely interested in farm lands and town property. Capt. Young is also Reeve of Glenwood municipality, having been elected to that responsible position by accla-

mation. He first came to Souris in 1885. He is one of the rising young men of the west, with a bright future still before him. See page 21.

Mr. J. Dolmage was born in the County of Halton, Ont., and came to Souris in 1881; and began business in a little log store near the creek. In 1882 a post office was opened, and he became postmaster, a position he has continued to fill ever since. Mr. Dolmage does a large trade in general merchandise, and is popular with the farmers. He takes a great interest in church and temperance work, and is in every sense a successful and influential citizen. See page 23.

Mr. J. Fred Deyell is a member of the firm of Deyell & Co., grain merchants, who do an extensive business in wheat buying in Southwestern Manitoba, with Souris as headquarters. Besides their large elevator at Souris, they have built another at Deloraine. Mr. Deyell is also largely interested in farm property and other real estate in the district. See page 25.

Mr. J. D. Ross, of the Millerway District, south of Souris, carries on the most extensive farming operations of any individual farmer in Southwestern Manitoba. He had an area of 1,400 acres under cultivation last year, and harvested a crop of 37,000 bushels of grain. He has acquired still more land this year, and his operations are continually growing larger. Only a high

degree of executive ability and good judgment could enable one man to carry on such mammoth farming operations. See page 27.

Mr. J. E. Pepper, Proprietor of the Transit House, although a new resident of Souris, having lately bought out A. Dennison, has made himself very popular with the travelling public and townspeople by the close attention to business and his genial manner. The Transit house is a fine, commodious brick structure, lighted with gas and furnished throughout in a most comfortable and excellent style. Only the best brands of wines, liquors and cigars kept in stock. See page 29.

Mr. Robert Keyes, Proprietor of the Transit Livery and Feed Stables, has been a resident of Souris for twenty years, and has been in his present business for nine years. He keeps as fine an outfit of rigs and horses as are to be found in Manitoba. He makes the commercial trade his specialty, and is consequently well patronized. He is a popular man with the farmers, and derives from them a large trade in the feed business. He is also a successful horse dealer, which speaks volumes for his shrewdness and business judgment. See page 31.

C. A. Bertrand & Co. are dealers in fruit and confectionery. C. A. came from Smith's Falls, Ont., in March of 1901, and opened in business on May 8th, with a long experience in the fruit business. Mr.

Bertrand is building up a large trade. There is a metropolitan style about the store and its appointments that makes it a leader in its line. See page 33.

Bambridge & Co. are the leading hardware dealers of Souris. Mr. Bambridge has been in the business eight years, while his partner, Mr. C. W. Miller, was lately a successful farmer. They carry an immense stock in their line. Their business has been one of solid substantial increase since it was founded. Mr. Bambridge was one of the earliest pioneers, and he recalls at times many curious and interesting experiences of the days when the country was in its infancy. See page 35.

Mr. W. G. Hetherington, general agent, commissioner in B. R., etc., is one of Souris' most active and enterprising spirits. He is agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, and many leading accident and fire insurance and loan companies. He makes a special line of managing estates, collecting rents and accounts. He has also many fine farms and town properties for sale and to rent. Mr. Hetherington's restless activity has led him to become connected with half the organizations in town in the arduous capacity of secretary. Some of these being the Board of Trade, Independent Order of Foresters, Royal Templars, Methodist church, and Lacrosse club. If you want to become a resident of Souris and are looking for a house to live in

or a farm to occupy, or want to get any sort of information, write to Mr. Hetherington. See page 37.

Dr. W. A. Sherrin, who is also proprietor of the leading drug store of the town, came to Souris in 1891. He is a graduate of Winnipeg Medical College, and has built up a large practice during the eleven years of his residence here. The drug-store under the management of Mr. McKay, is now doing a volume of business that any city store might well envy. The doctor has become largely interested in real estate and farm property, both here and further west. He also owns a fine brick block on Crescent avenue, occupied by the drug store. See page 39.

Mr. Dan. Kitchen, contractor and builder, has been actively engaged in business in Souris and Brandon for the last twelve years. He has built all the principal buildings of Souris, among them the Presbyterian church, Souris mill; McLaren's store, Merchants' Bank, Bob Currie's house, Dr. Sherrin's house, and many others. He has just completed in Brandon the large mill of Alexander & Law Bros., Brandon. Mr. Kitchen takes great interest in sports, especially in curling, having won the Walkerville Trophy last winter in Brandon. Mr. Kitchen was formerly a resident of Paris, Ont. See page 41.

Mr. W. H. Sowden, commonly called "Squire" Sowden, may be termed the father of Souris, or Plum Creek

settlement. Being a man of great energy and one of the promoters of the Millbrook Colonization Co., as their representative he visited the west and selected the present Souris district for the proposed colony. More than any other individual, he has been identified with the upbuilding of the town and district. The two largest business blocks in Souris belong to him, besides a large share of the town site, and several thousand acres of fine farming land in the vicinity, besides carrying on a considerable real estate business. Mr. Sowden is one of the big farmers of the district. See page 43.

The Crescent Hotel, of which Mr. J. A. Nation is proprietor, is one of the best known hostleries of South-western Manitoba. It was the first hotel, built in Souris, that rose above the ordinary boarding house stage, and it still continues to hold a foremost place in the esteem of the travelling public. Mr. Nation was formerly proprietor of the Leland Hotel of Cypress River. Since acquiring the Crescent he has renovated it throughout, and installed an acetylene gas plant for its illumination. His sample room contains all the finest brands of liquors and cigars. See page 45.

Mr. William Nixon, proprietor of the Crescent Livery, Feed and Sale Stables, has but recently come to town, and acquired his business from Mr. James Shields. The Crescent is one of the oldest established liveries in Souris, and is doing a good trade. Mr.

Nixon came from Miami, where he sold his interests in the leading livery there to his partner. See page 47.

Mr. W. G. McLaren came to Souris from Boissevain in 1892, and opened a general store. Mr. McLaren's success has been steady and continued. The growth of his stock has kept pace with the business, until now it is probably the largest in Southwestern Manitoba. The latest business block to be added to the town is that of Mr. McLaren, a handsome, modern structure, lighted with gas throughout. Mr. McLaren is a man of wide activities. He owns considerable farming lands in the vicinity. He is president of the Board of Trade and president of the Souris Hospital. He also takes a deep interest in church work, being superintendent of Knox Sunday School. See page 49.

The Plaindealer, of which Mr. W. J. Barclay is the publisher and proprietor, is a bright, newsy weekly paper, published in Souris. It was established in 1892, and has kept pace in enlargement with the substantial growth of the town since that time. Good presses and a large assortment of job faces of type enable Mr. Barclay to turn out some very fine job printing from his office. Any one into whose hands this Souvenir Book may fall, who may have friends here or is interested in the town or district for its own sake, should send a dollar to The Plaindealer for a year's subscription, and learn more about Souris. See page 51.

The Merchants Bank of Canada, recognizing the importance of Souris and surrounding district as a field for the employment of banking capital, opened a branch in the town in 1898. Since that date a large and increasing volume of business has been done. Mr. H. E. Bennetts is the manager of the branch. See page 53.

Dr. Hughes was born in London Township, County of Middlesex, Ont. Educated in St. Mary's and Strathroy High School and Collegiate, is a graduate of the Western University, London, also of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. He came to Manitoba in the fall of 1892, settled in Souris, and has been there since that date. Dr. Hughes owns two fine blocks and two stores, cuts of which will appear here, has a cattle ranch at Medicine Hat of 6,722 acres, and also an irrigated farm at Lethbridge, all of which he operates from his central office in Souris. See page 55.

The Massey-Harris Agency at Souris is one of the principal business points in the province for that company. Until the beginning of the present year Mr. W. A. Dolmage was agent, but at that time he was promoted to be general agent. Mr. Dolmage has been in the agricultural and implement business since 1888 and became connected with the Massey-Harris upon the amalgamation of the companies. He was succeeded by J. A. Stirling, formerly agent for the Deering people here.

Mr. Stirling is the roadman, while Mr. D. R. McHaffie is in charge of the warehouse and office. See page 57.

Mr. J. W. Breakey has been secretary of Glenwood municipality for the past ten years, the duties of which arduous office he has performed faithfully and to the public's satisfaction. He is also real estate and insurance agent, being the representative of the National Trust Co., Great-West Life Insurance Co., Portage la Prairie Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., and the Provincial Mutual Hail and Insurance Co. He has some choice farm lands for sale in his list. Mr. Breakey handles a large amount of private funds for investment, he also manages estates. See page 59.

J. E. McBride & Co., Furniture Dealers and Undertakers, own the pioneer furniture business of Souris. Others have come and gone, but theirs is still here with a larger stock than ever. A stock that cannot be surpassed outside the cities. They have a fine hearse in connection, and do all the undertaking business of the district. Special lines are Newcombe pianos, organs, sewing machines, picture framing and the repairing of furniture. See page 61.

Mr. T. L. Arnett, dealer in lumber and fuel, has had twelve years of experience in lumbering in Western Canada. Besides the large yard in Souris, he carries on another business in the same line quite as extensive at the neighboring town of Elgin, on the C. N. R. Mr.

Arnett is a progressive, capable man, and a hustler. He carries the best and largest stock of lumber in this corner of the province, and having a planing mill in connection is fully equipped to supply promptly and economically all the various needs of builders. See page 63.

Mr. James A. Hynes, saddler and harness maker, came to Souris in 1893, and opened up business in a temporary building erected on Second street. His business has made progress with the town. Now he occupies a prominent stand on Crescent avenue, and carries a large stock of saddlery and all sorts of leather goods, curry combs, brushes, whips, rugs, blankets, trunks and valises, etc., etc., Mr. Hynes is a prominent Oddfellow and secretary of the Souris lodge. See page 65.

Mr. Thomas Lockhart, clerk of the Souris County Court, and also police magistrate for the province of Manitoba, came to Manitoba from Fenelon Falls, Ont. He first settled in Brandon, but finally came to Souris. Besides the above named duties he is appraiser for the North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Co. His residence and office are situated on First street. See page 67.

Messrs. Donald and Charles McEachern, under the firm name of McEachern Bros., own and conduct the Souris foundry. Both are skilled mechanics, and have successfully built up a large business. They make a specialty of engines and boilers, repairing, and their yards at certain seasons of the year when filled with

engines undergoing repairs, are a sight to be remembered. A horseshoeing and general blacksmithing business is also carried on in connection. See page 69.

Mr. A. E. Hetherington came to Souris with the Millbrook colony that first settled the Souris district, and occupied the east half of 22-7-21. He is now a prominent real estate agent of the town, and manager for Wood & Kells in their extensive interest in farms throughout the district. See page 71.

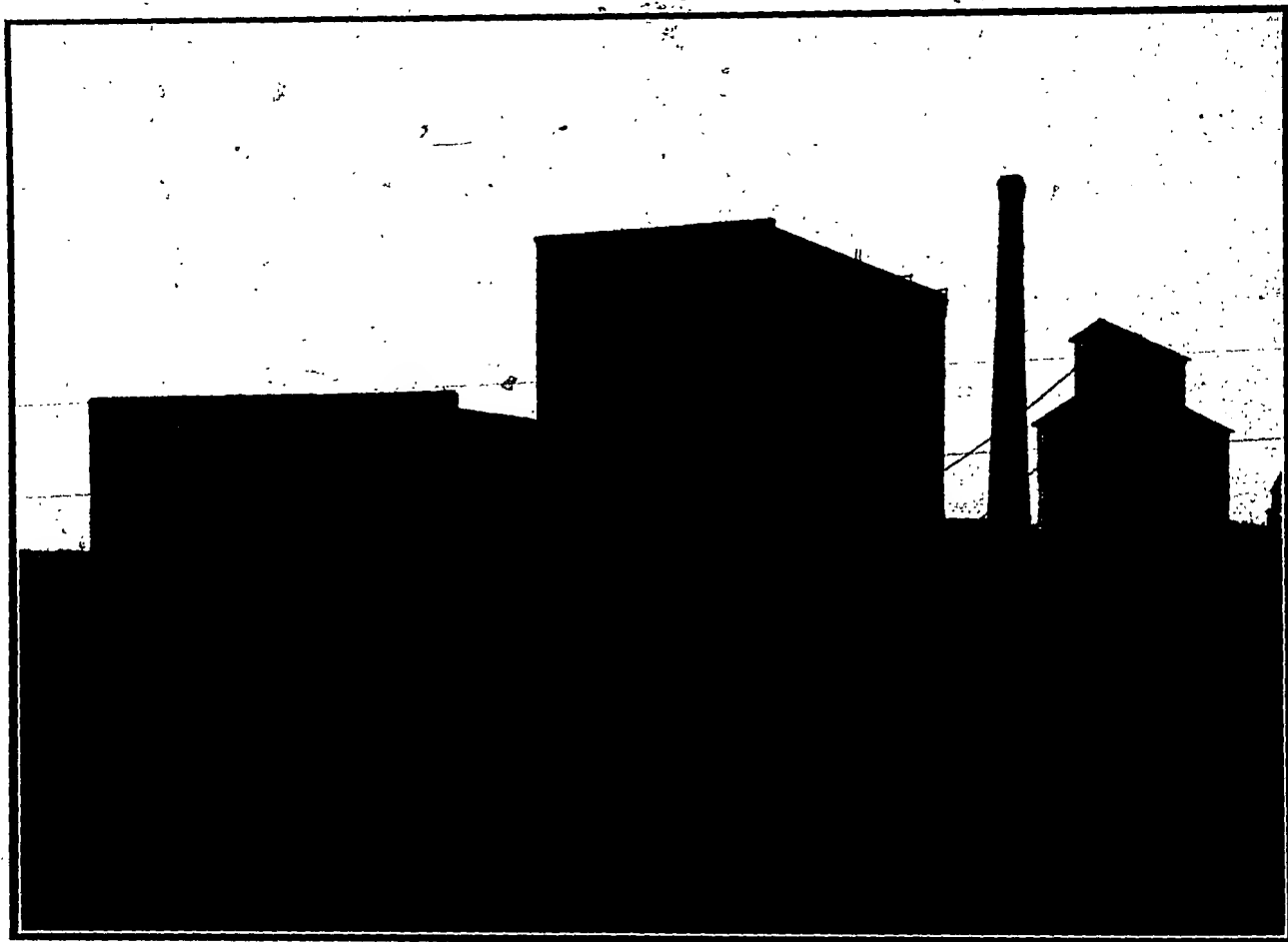
Mr. J. Mair is one of those successful farmers who have made the reputation of Souris district. By dint of thrift, shrewdness and the advantage of fine location he has achieved a greater degree of success than perhaps any other farmer in this part of Manitoba. Mr. Mair comes from Crofthead Farm, Tarbolton Parish, Ayrshire, Scotland, and landed in Manitoba in 1882, and after taking up land he kept a stopping house on the trail to Dobbin City, now called Melita. His principal

success has been wheat raising, though he has not neglected mixed farming. His farm buildings are worthy of remark as being among the finest in the country side. See page 73.

Mr. John Ziegler, another of the prosperous Millerway farmers, is of German extraction and came from Hanover, Ontario, in March, 1893. In the east he was one of the owners of the Hanover grist mills and saw mills. When he migrated to the land of the setting sun, he bought his present farm of three quarter sections, which was at that time virgin prairie. Mr. Ziegler is a mixed farmer, and does not put all his dependence upon the ofttimes delusive wheat crop. Mrs. Ziegler is an expert butter-maker. She carried off the principal prizes at the fair in 1901, and the product of the Millerway dairy farm is a criterion to go by. Mr. Ziegler is gradually building up a fine herd of thoroughbred Durham cattle. He contemplates making extensive improvements on his buildings in the near future. See page 75.



AN IDEAL SUMMER RESORT. SOURIS PARK.



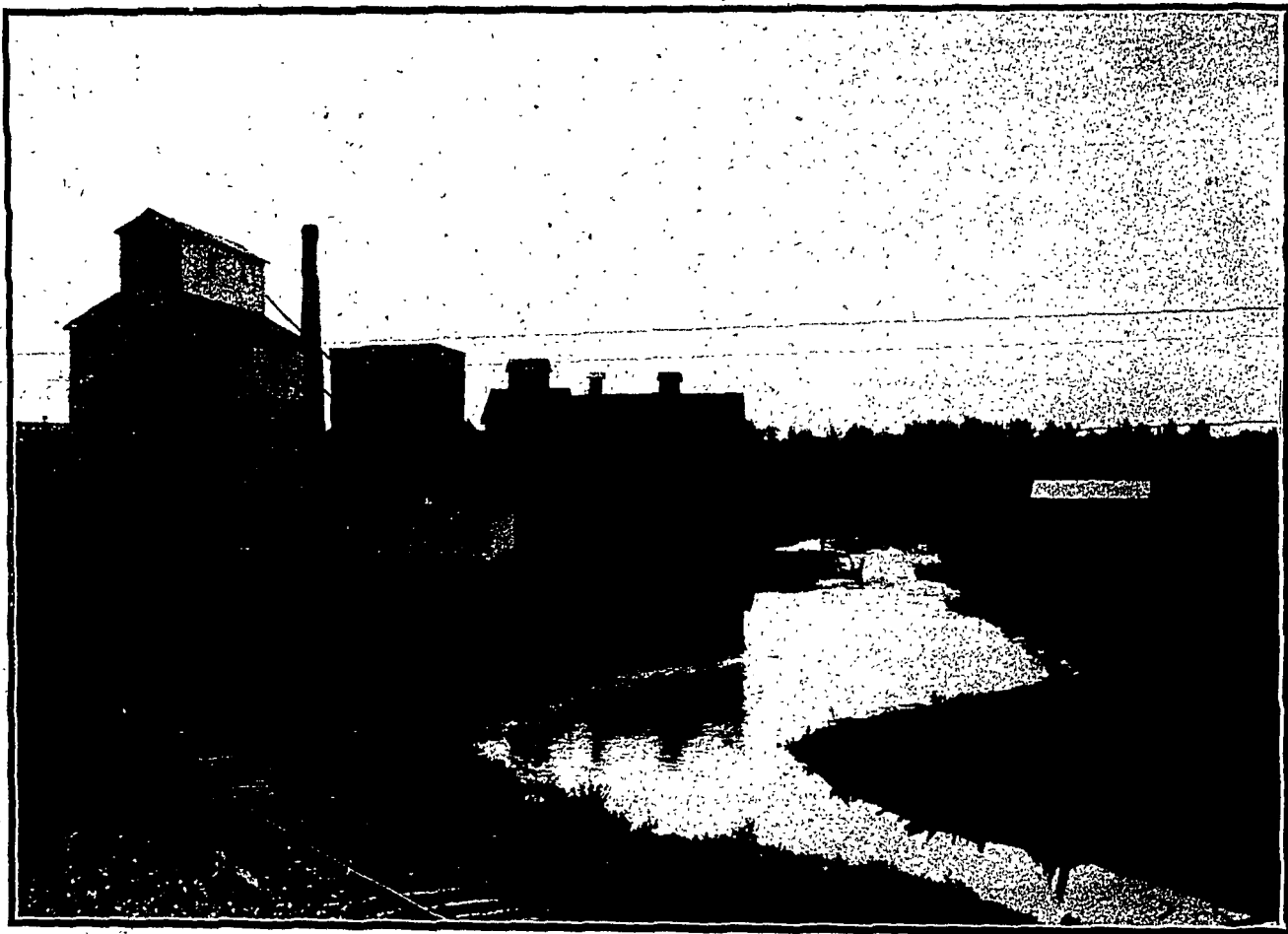
GLENWOOD ROLLER MILLS, SOURIS. McCULLOCH & HERRIOT, PROPRIETORS.



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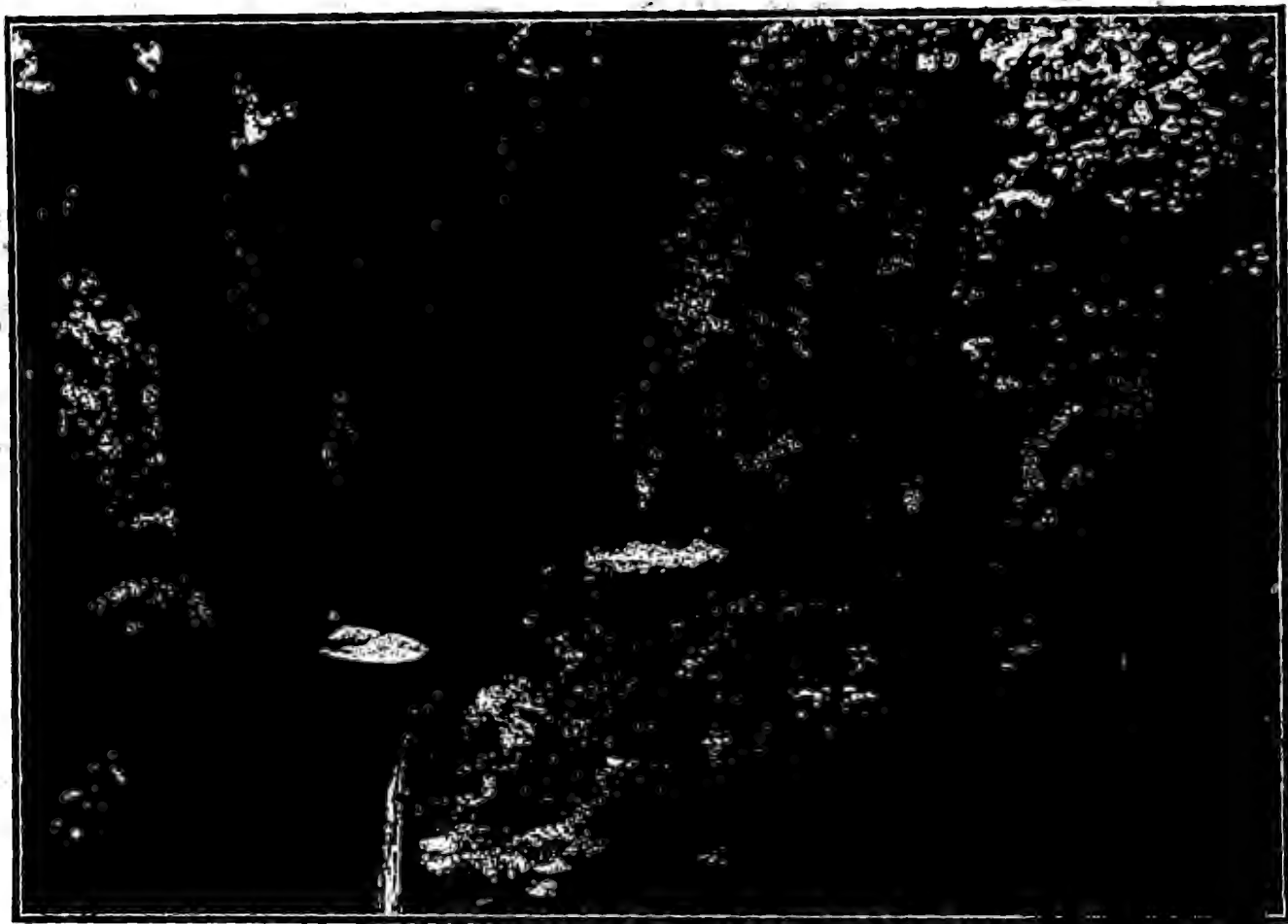
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VIEW OF GLENWOOD ROLLER MILLS, SHOWING PLUM CREEK.



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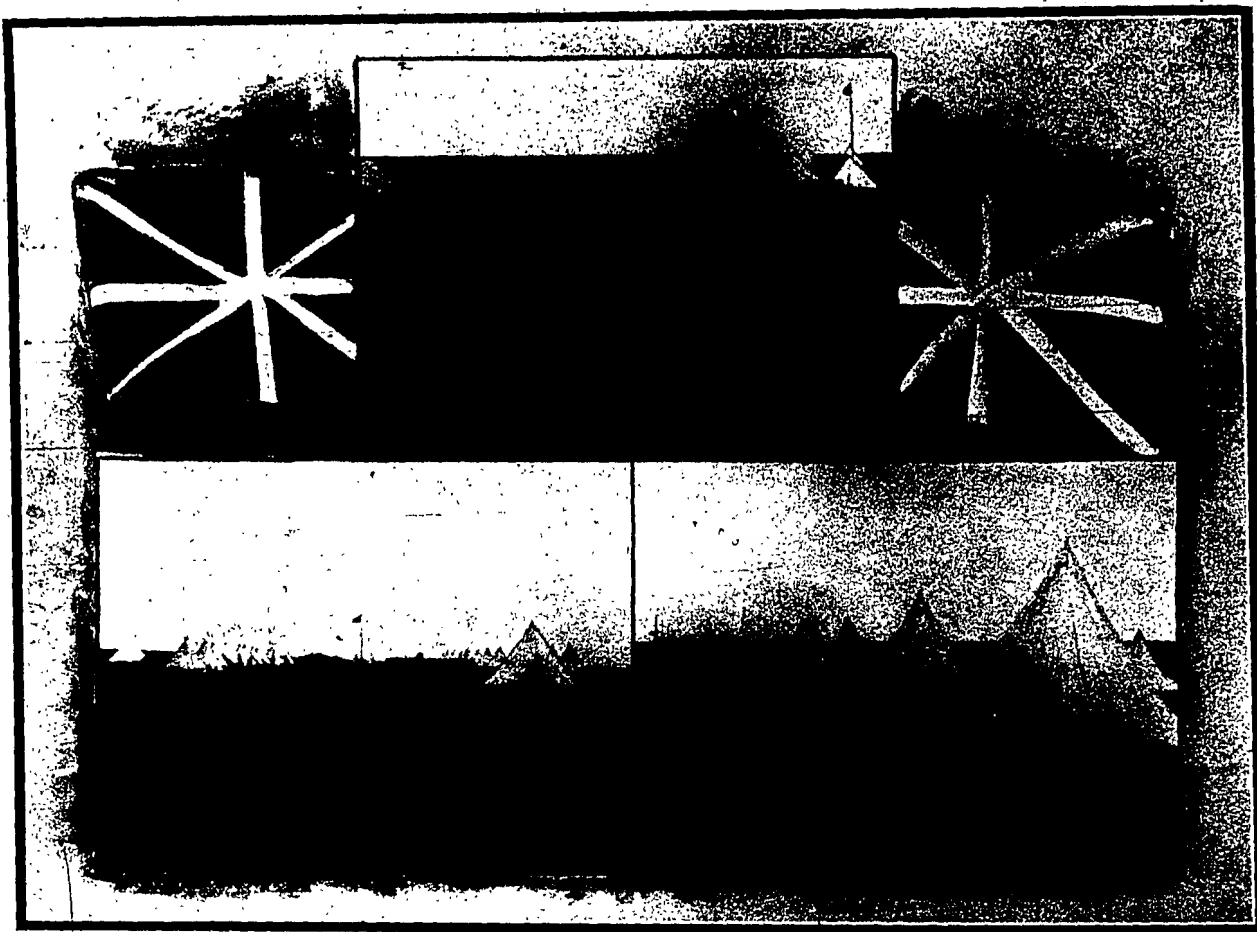


LOVER'S LANE IN SOURIS PARK



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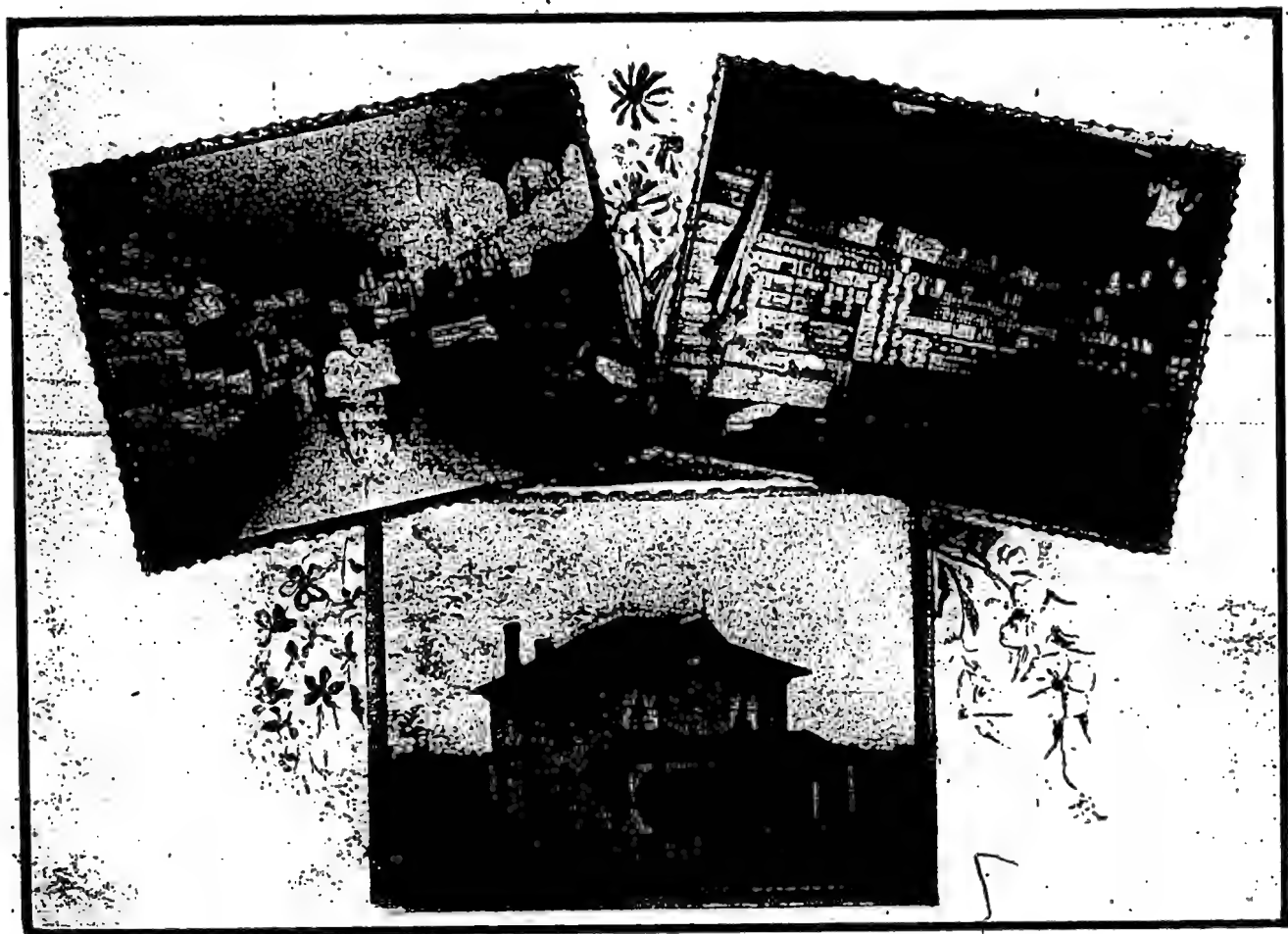
CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES. CAPT. A. L. YOUNG, COMMANDER OF C SQUADRON.
CAMP AT SOURIS. GROUP OF OFFICERS.



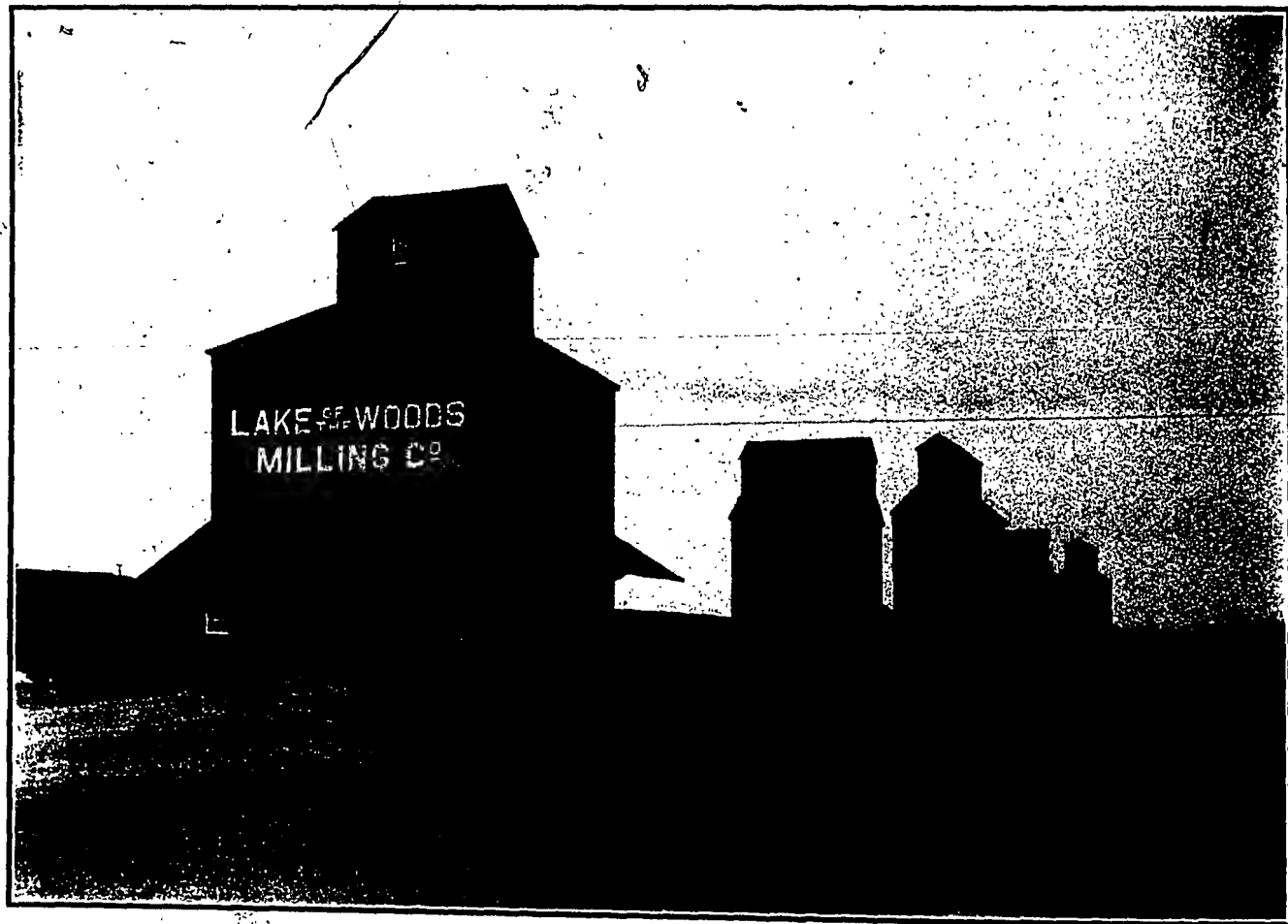
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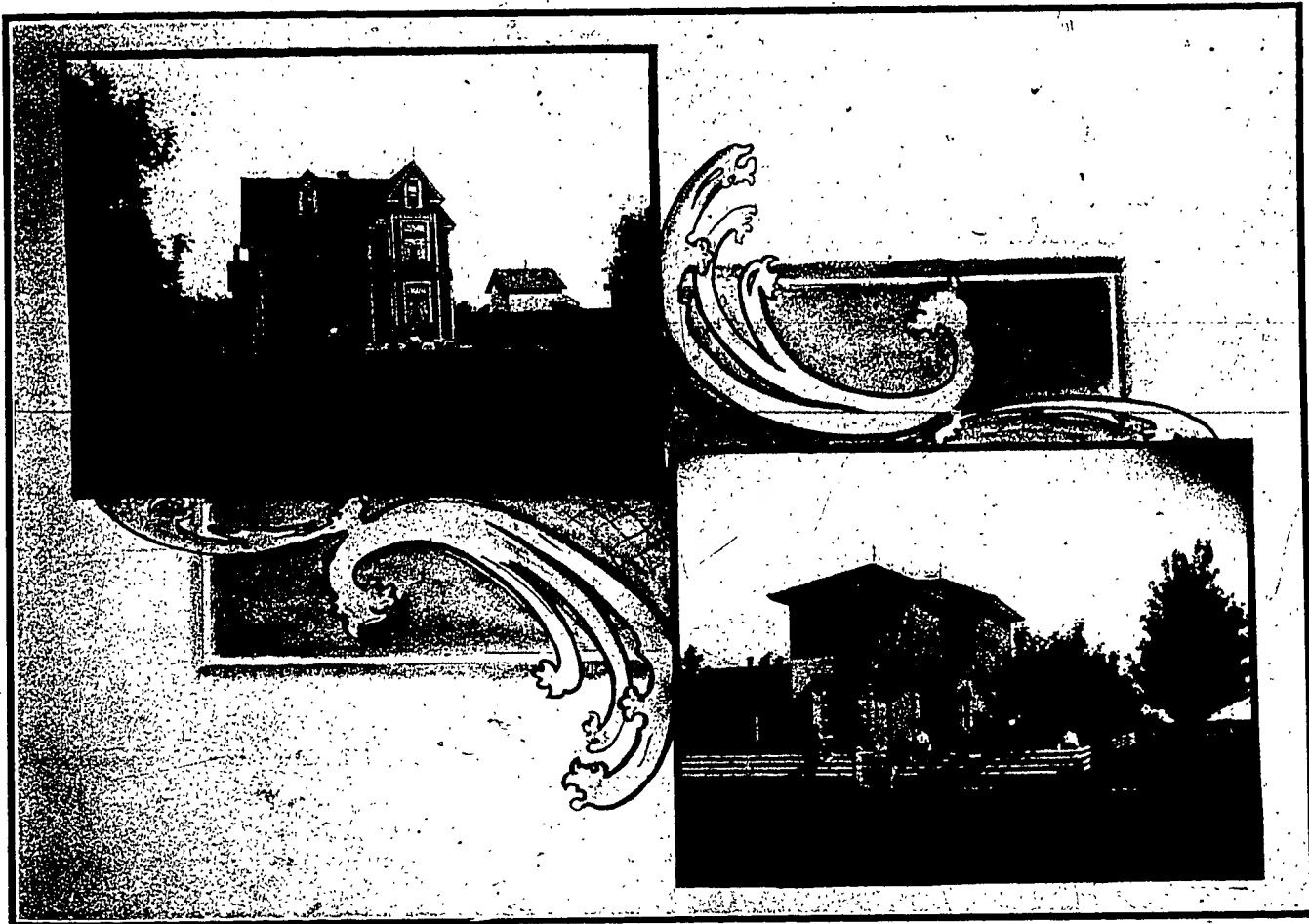
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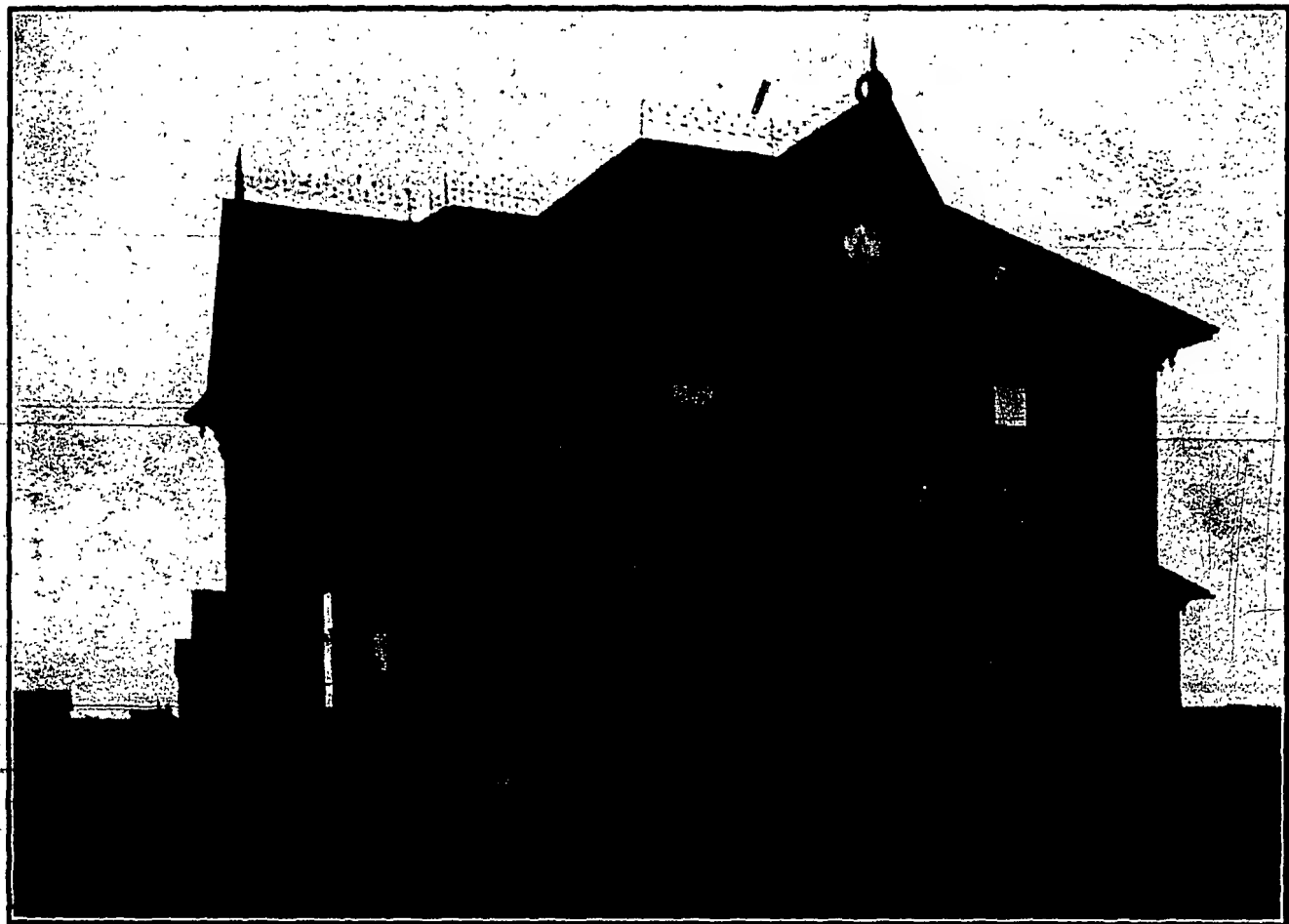


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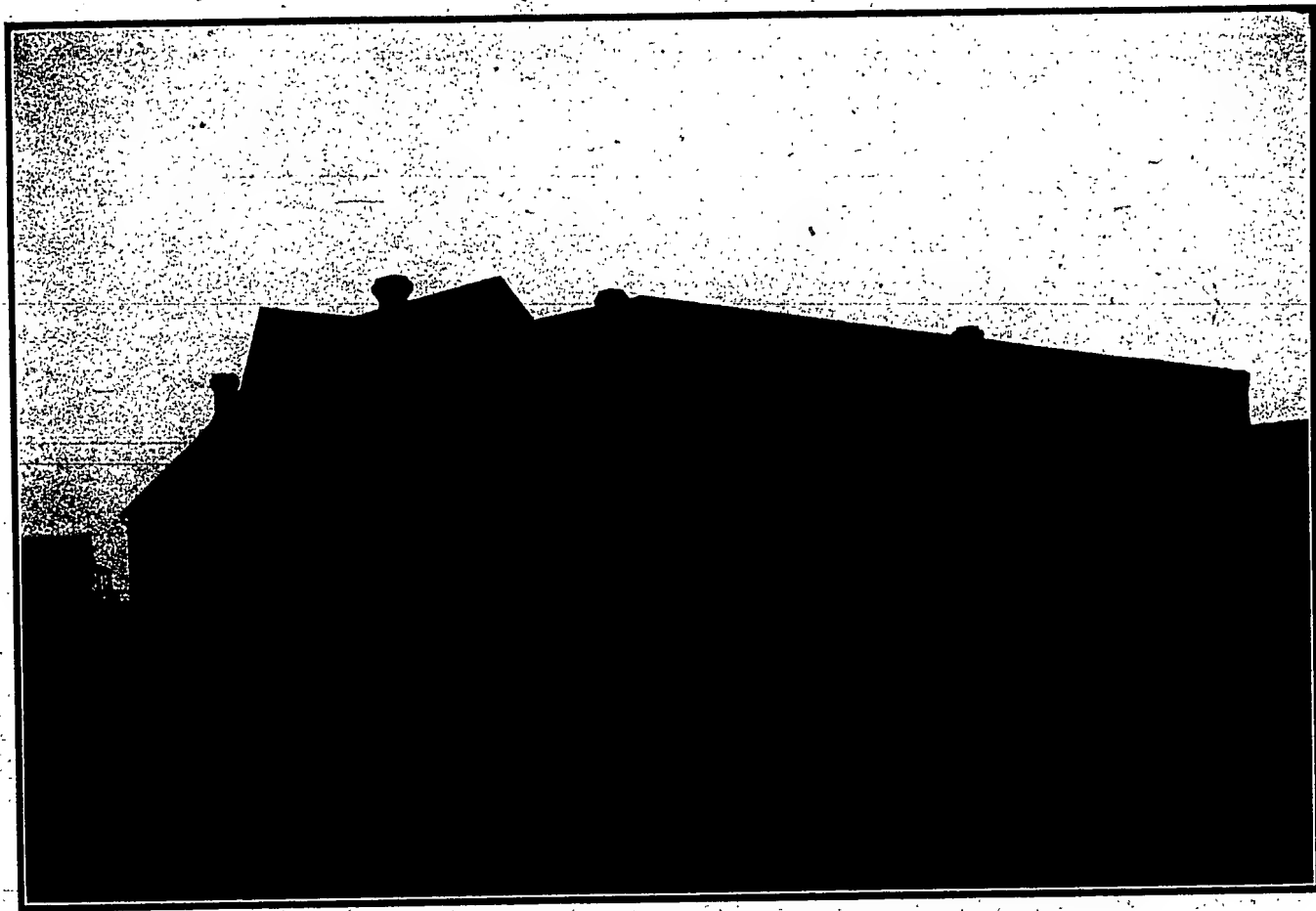
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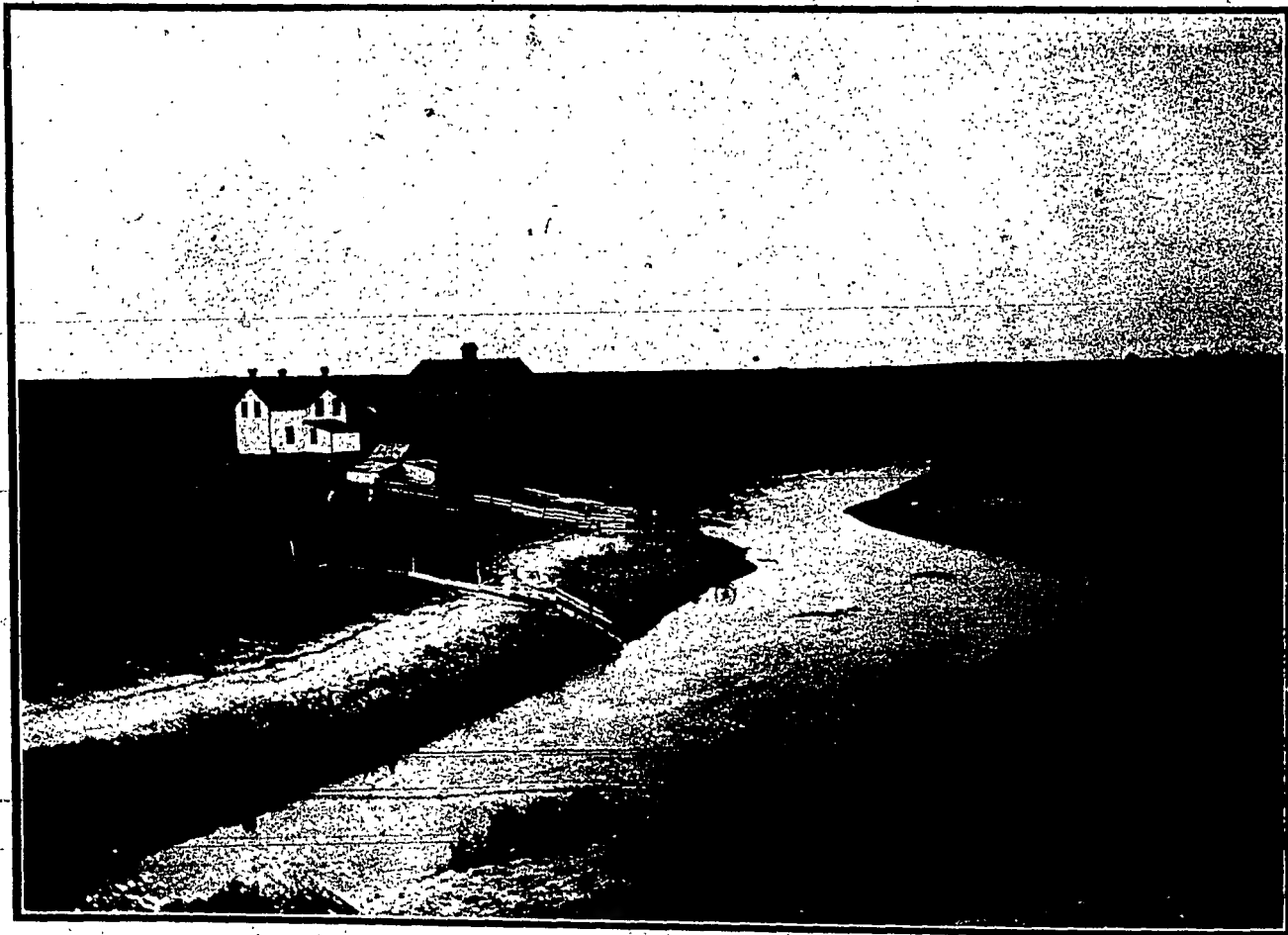
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ONE OF THE PRETTY WALKS IN SOURIS PARK.



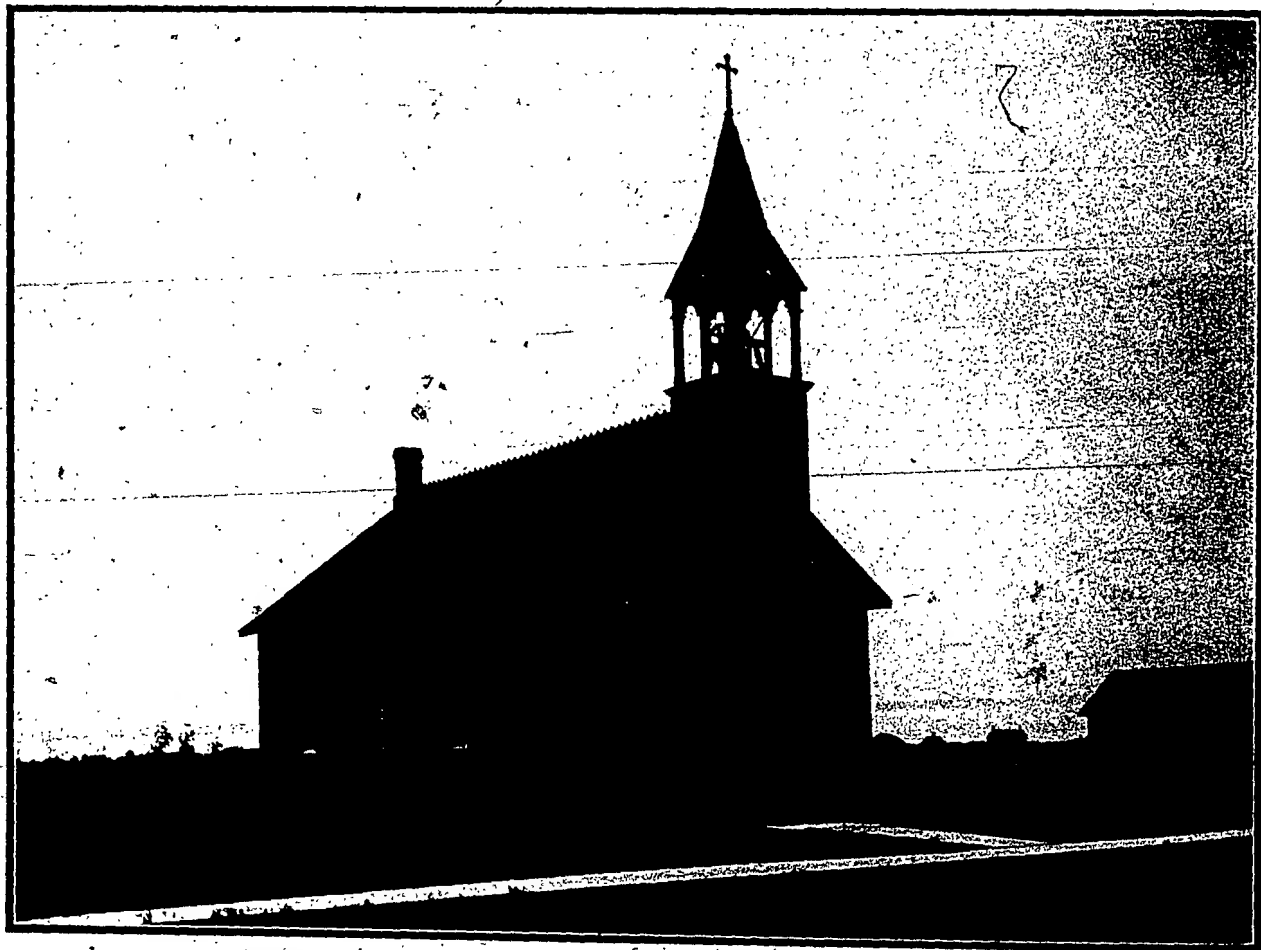
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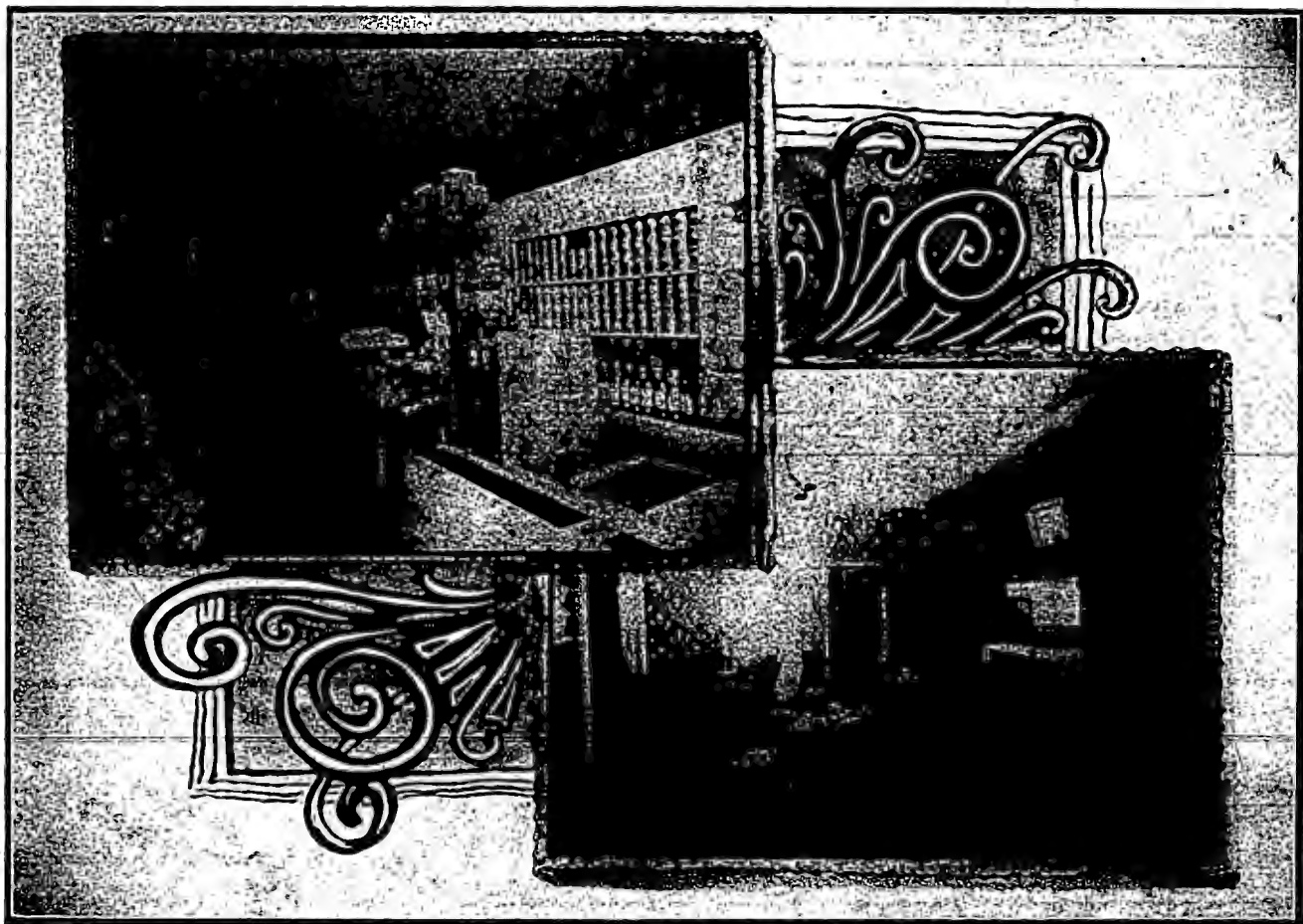
PLUM CREEK, SHOWING J. HERRIOT'S FARM.



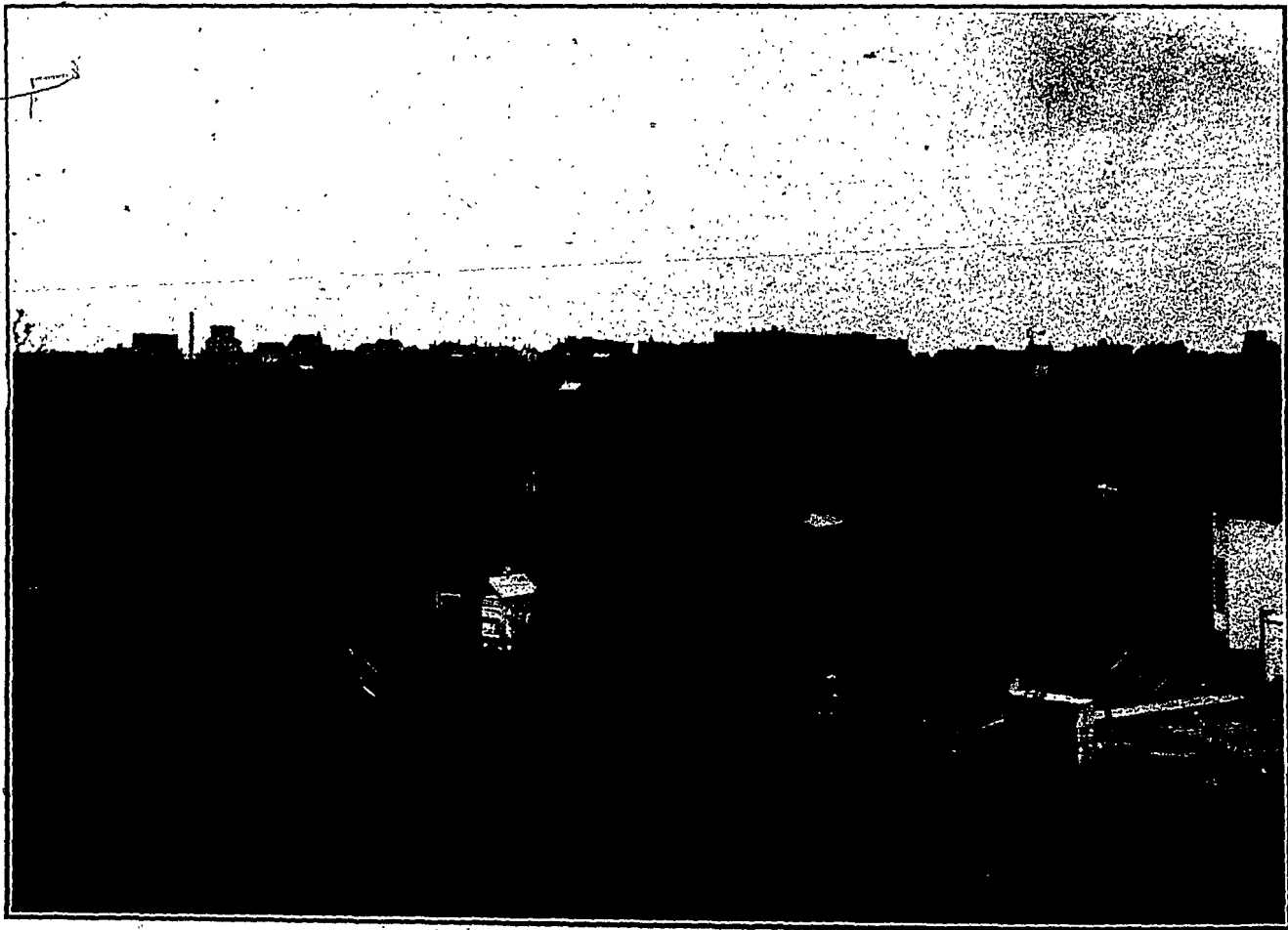
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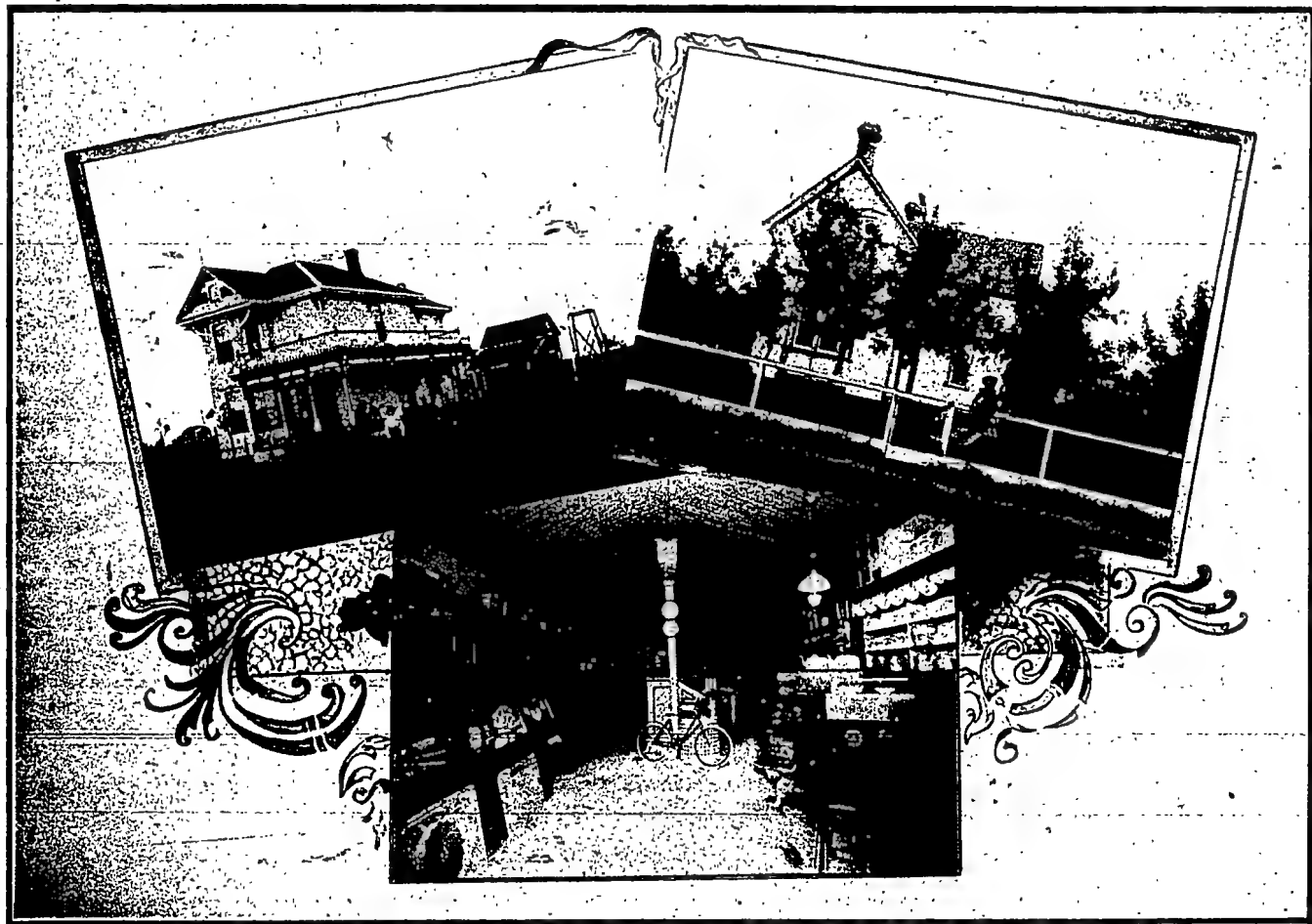
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.



FRUIT STORE. C. A. BERTRAND & CO., FRUITS AND CONFECTIONERY. ICE CREAM PARLOR.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF SOURIS.



RESIDENCE OF C. W. MILLER.

RESIDENCE OF JAS. V. BAMBRIDGE.

INTERIOR OF BAMBRIDGE & CO.'S HARDWARE STORE.



CONSERVATIVE CLUB ROOM.

SOURIS LACROSSE CLUB, INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS, 1902.

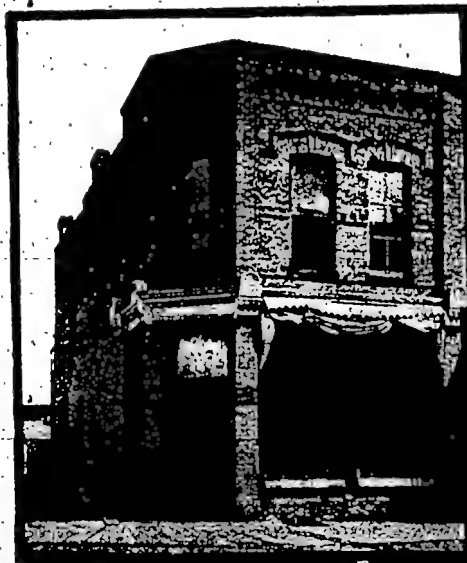
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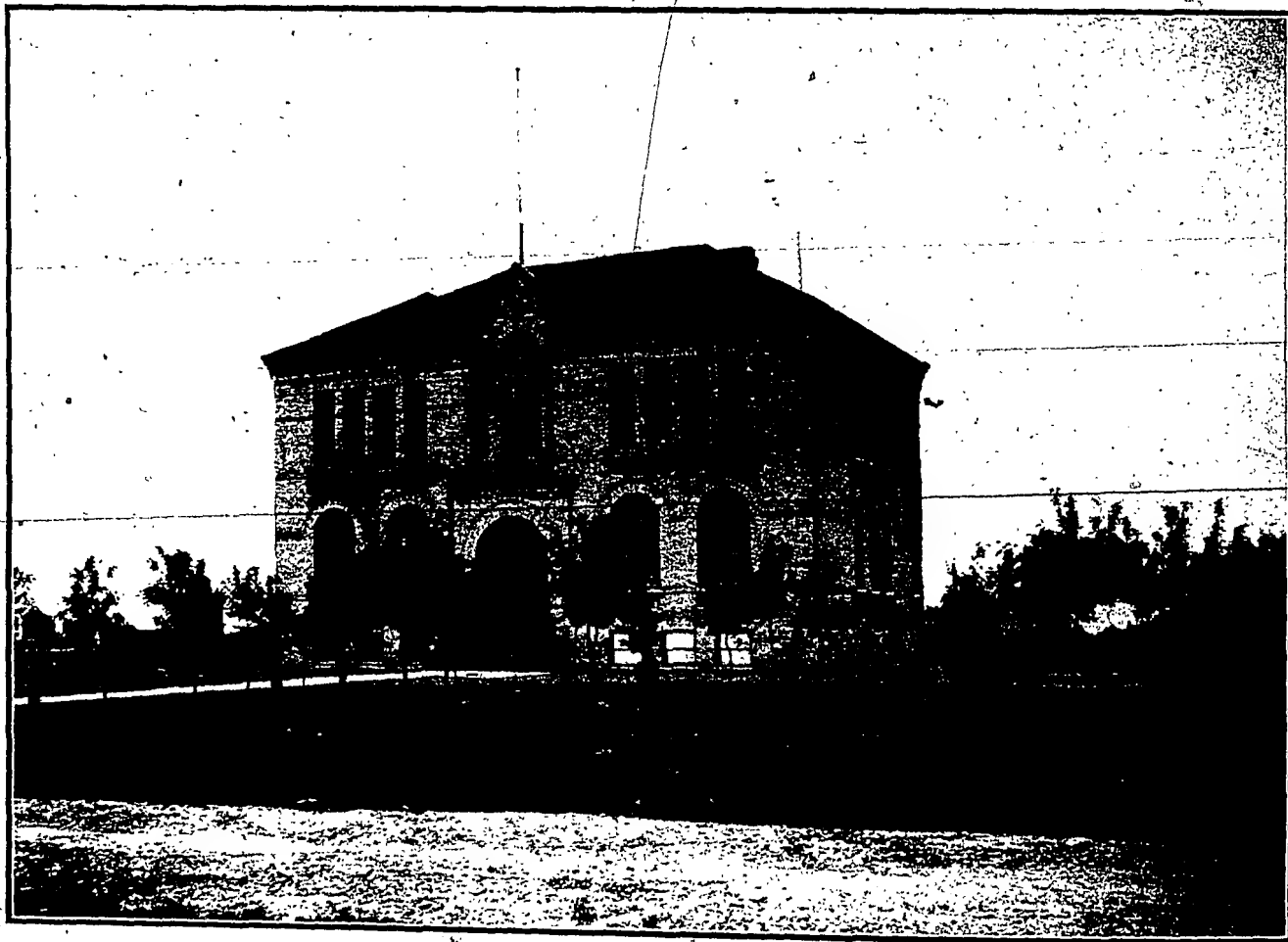
RESIDENCE OF W. G. HETHERINGTON, REAL ESTATE AGENT.



RESIDENCE OF DR. W. A. SHERRIN. STEEL BRIDGE OVER SOURIS RIVER.



INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF SHERRIN & CO., DRUGGISTS.



PUBLIC SCHOOL OF SOURIS.



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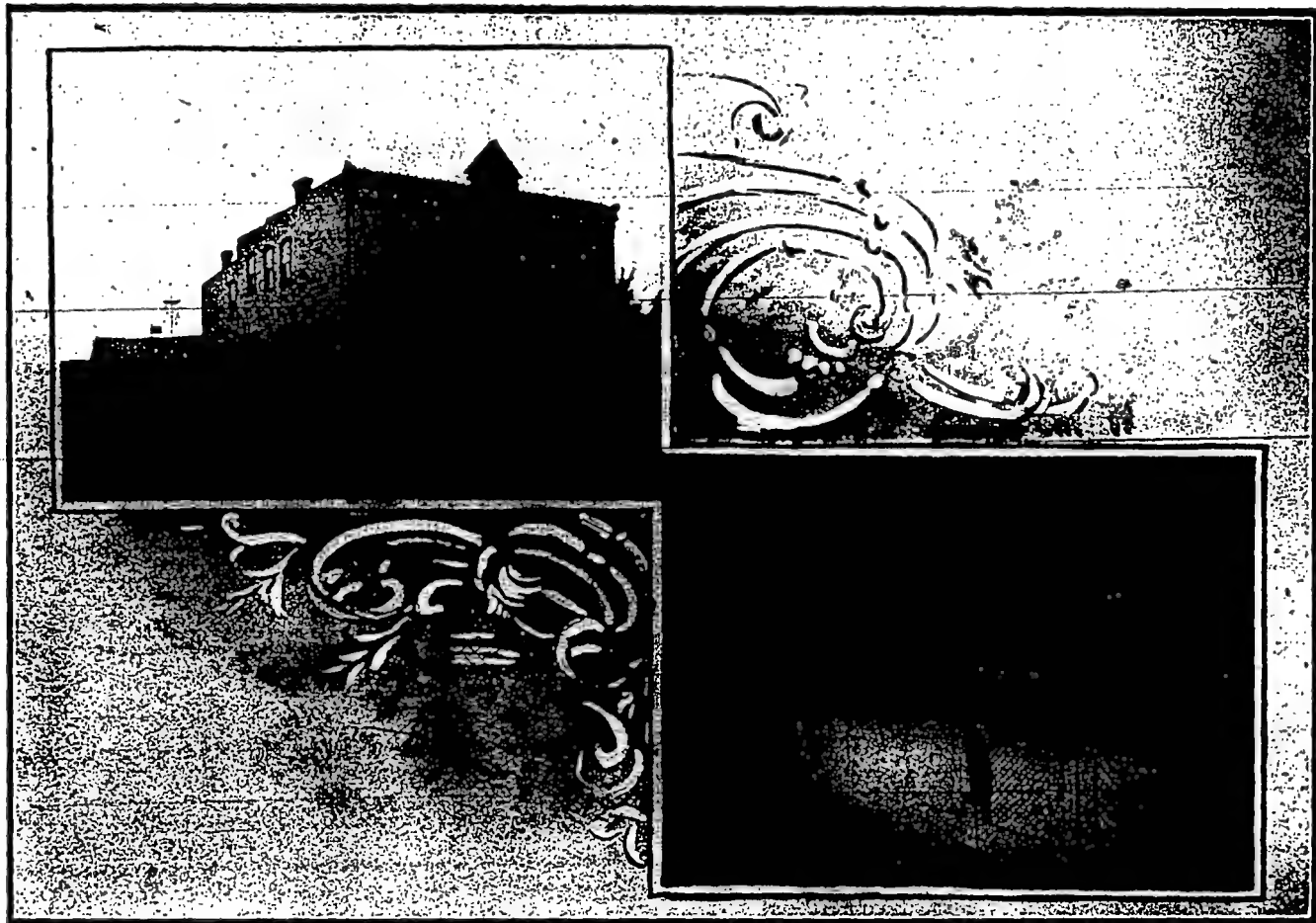
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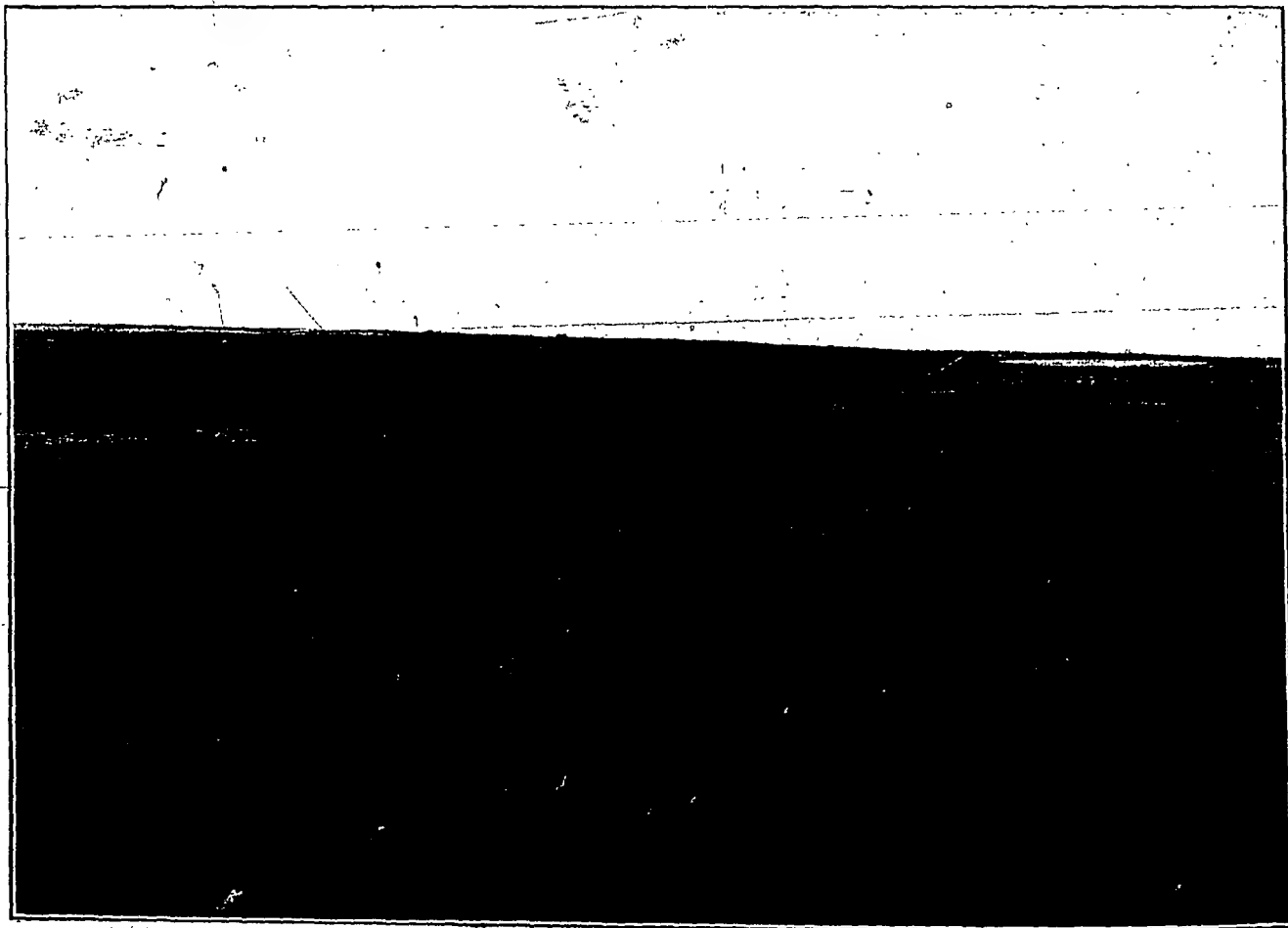
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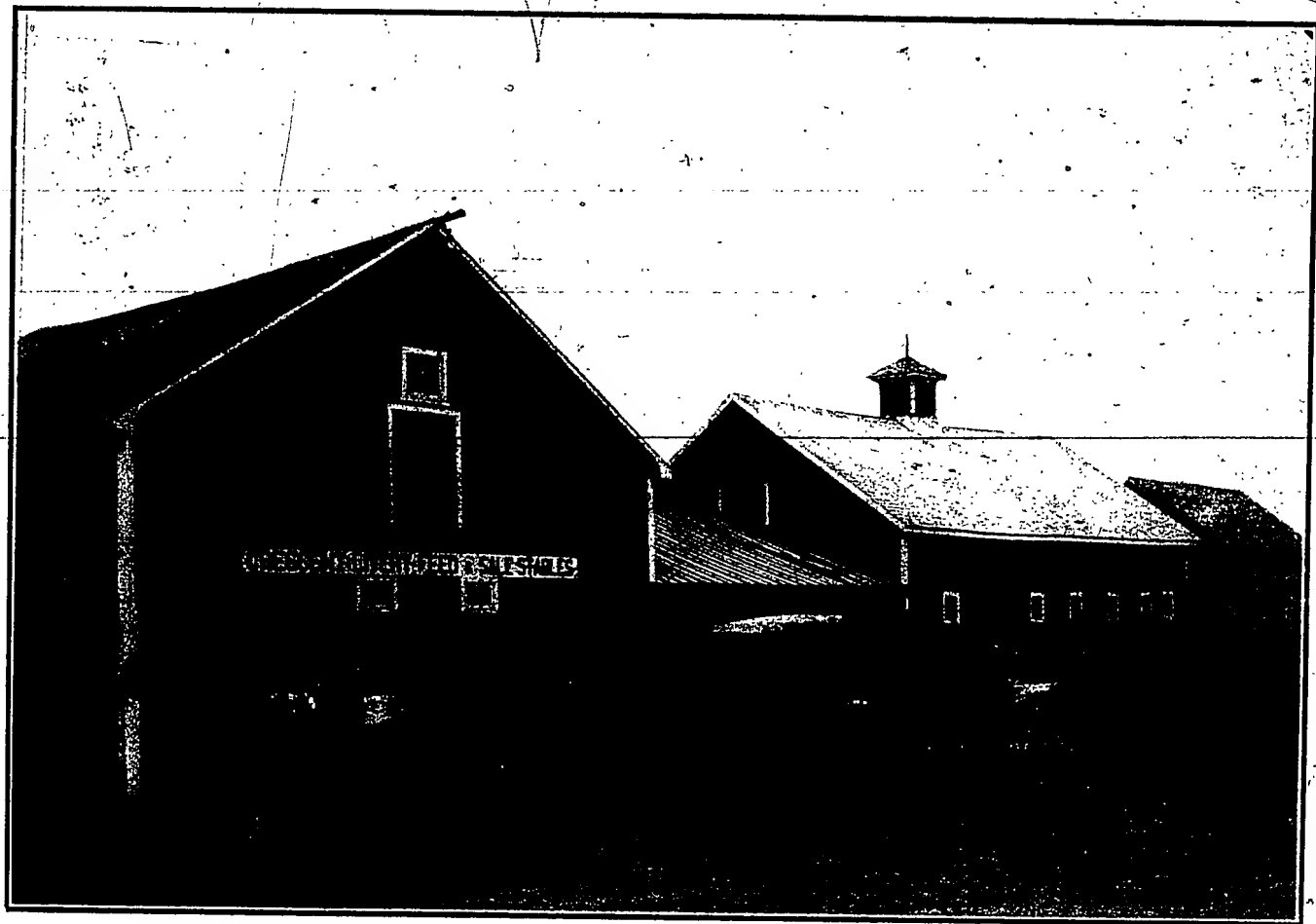
THRESHING SCENE AT J. NATION'S FARM, SOURIS.



CRESCENT HOTEL, J. NATION, PROPRIETOR.



MANITOBA FARM SCENE.



CRESCENT LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLES, WM. NIXON, PROPRIETOR.



A PRETTY WALK TO MR. McLAREN'S RESIDENCE.



RESIDENCE. W. G. McLAREN, GENERAL MERCHANT.

INTERIOR OF STORE.

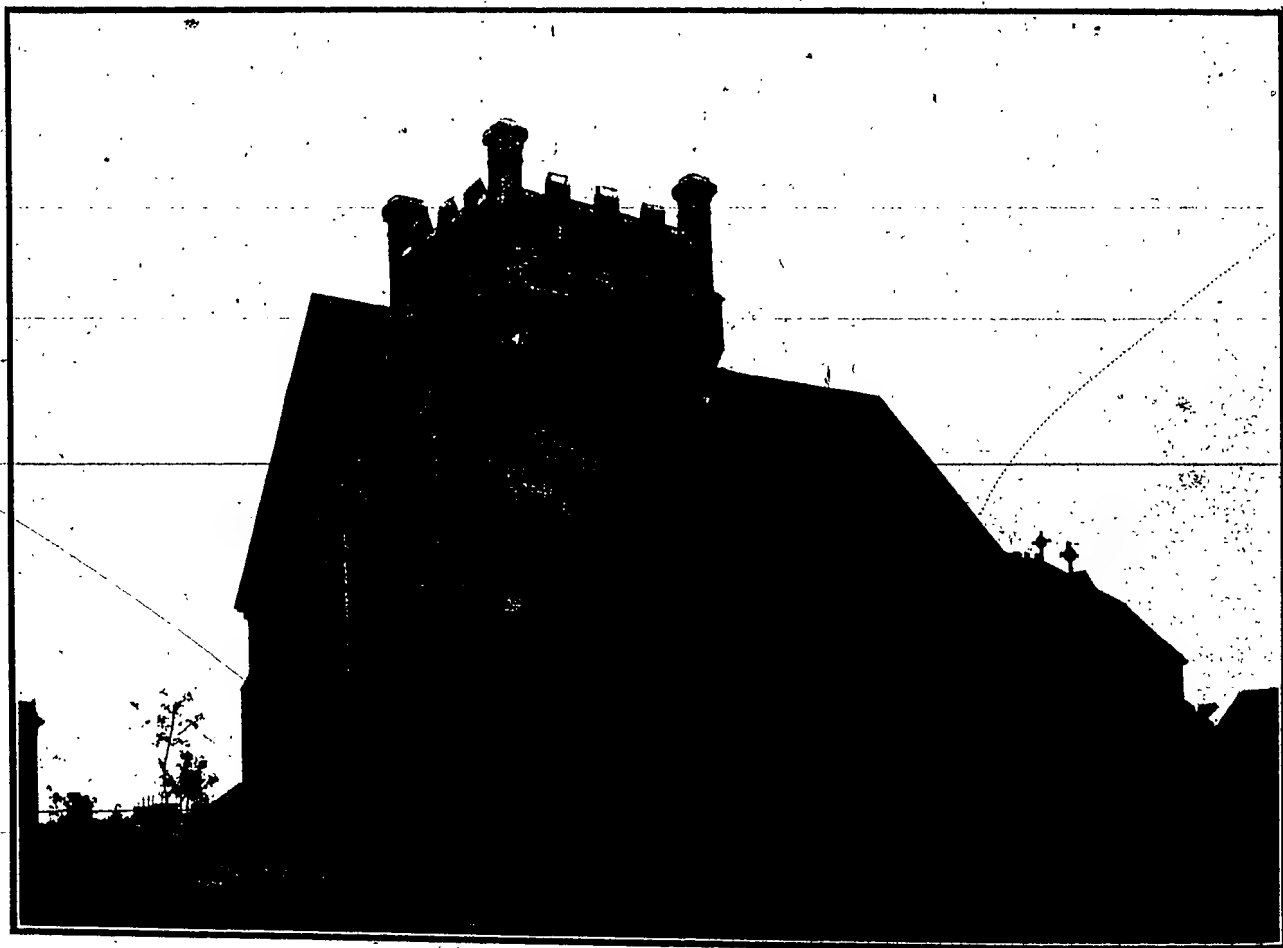


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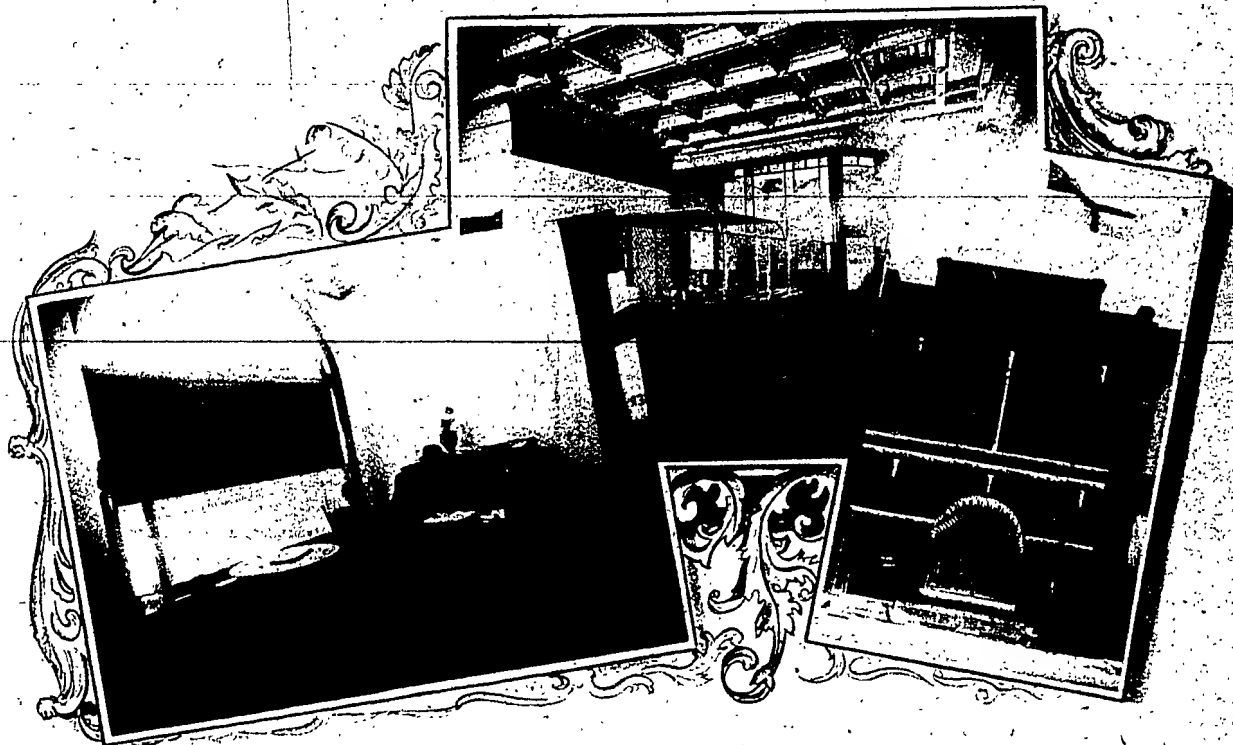


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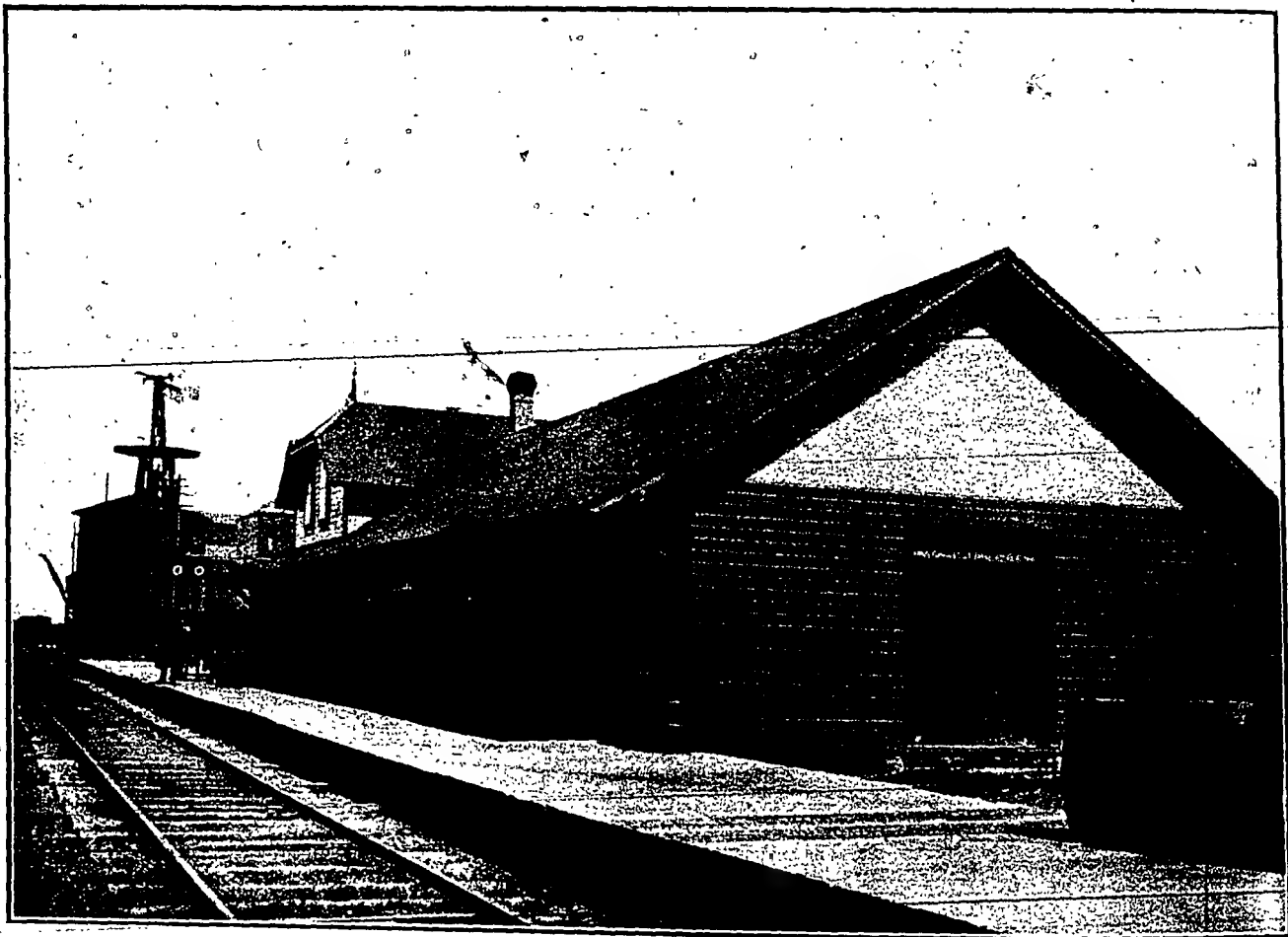


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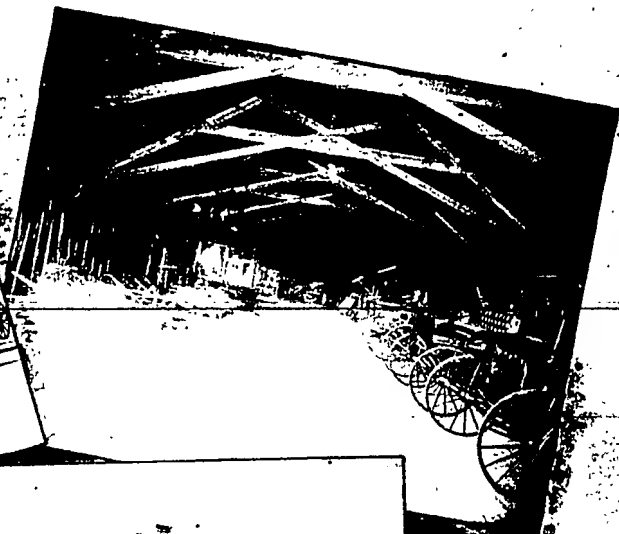
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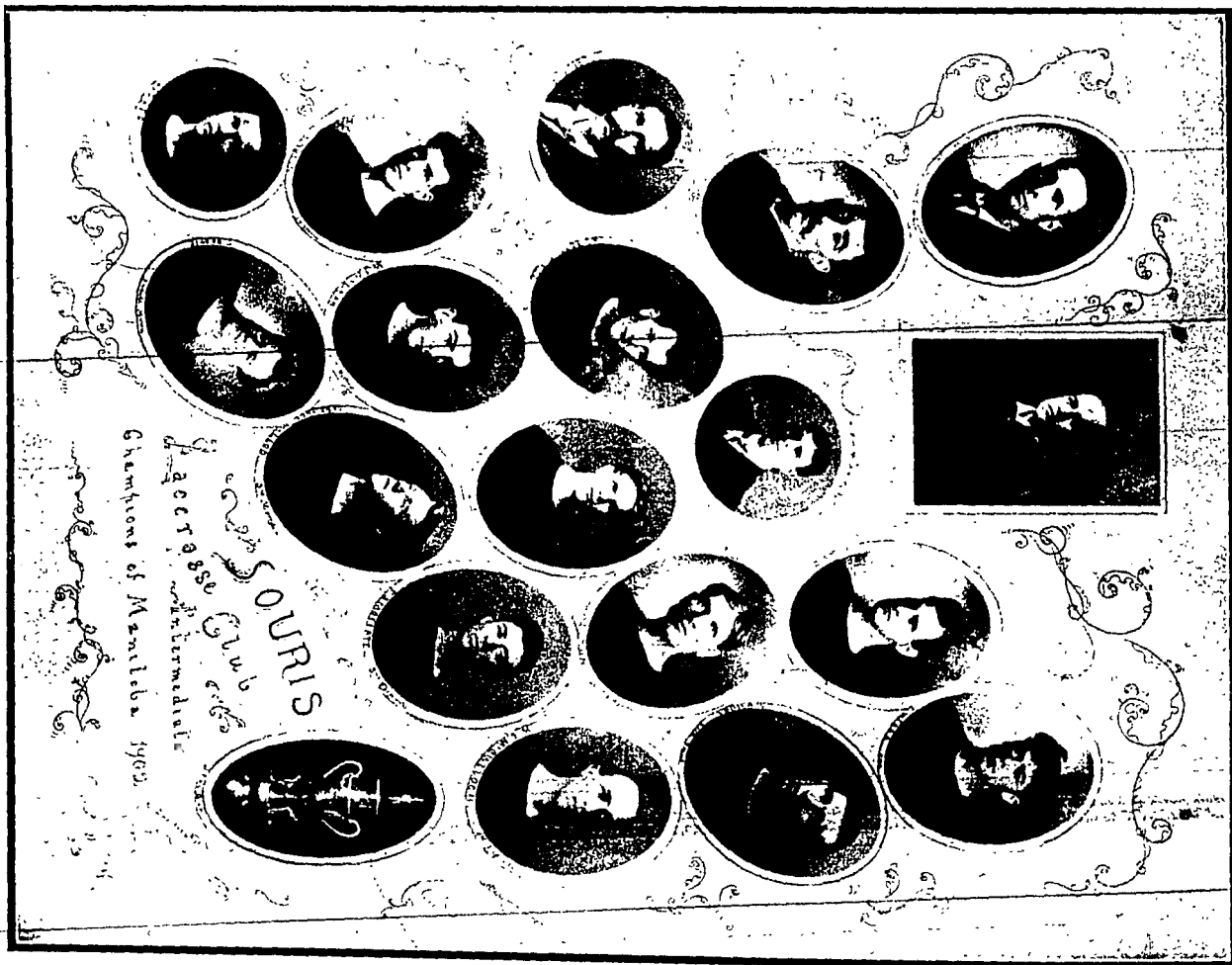


VIEW LOOKING FROM J. NATION'S FARM.



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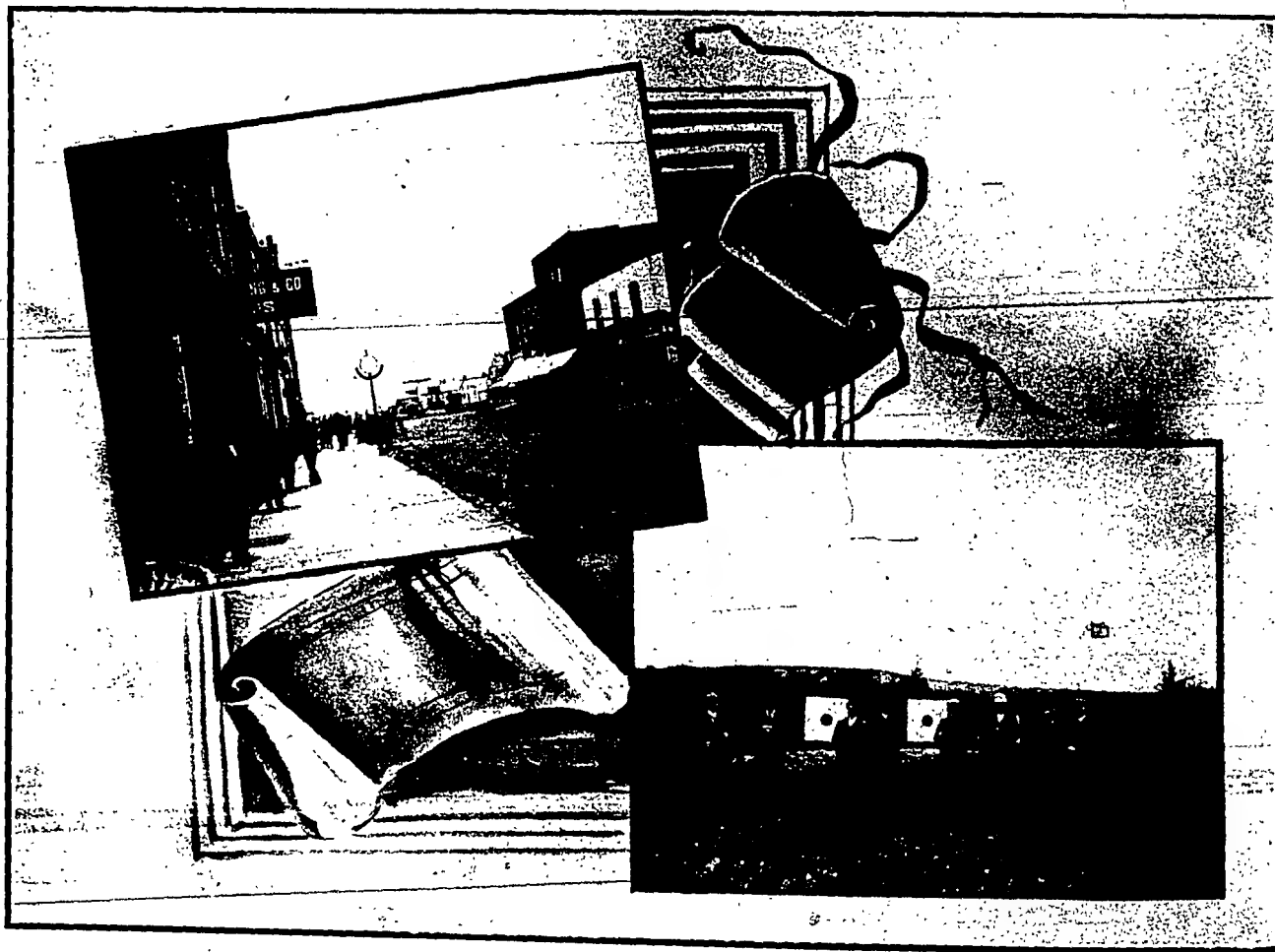
MASSEY-HARRIS CO. LIMITED. WAREHOUSE.
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SOURIS LACROSSE CLUB.

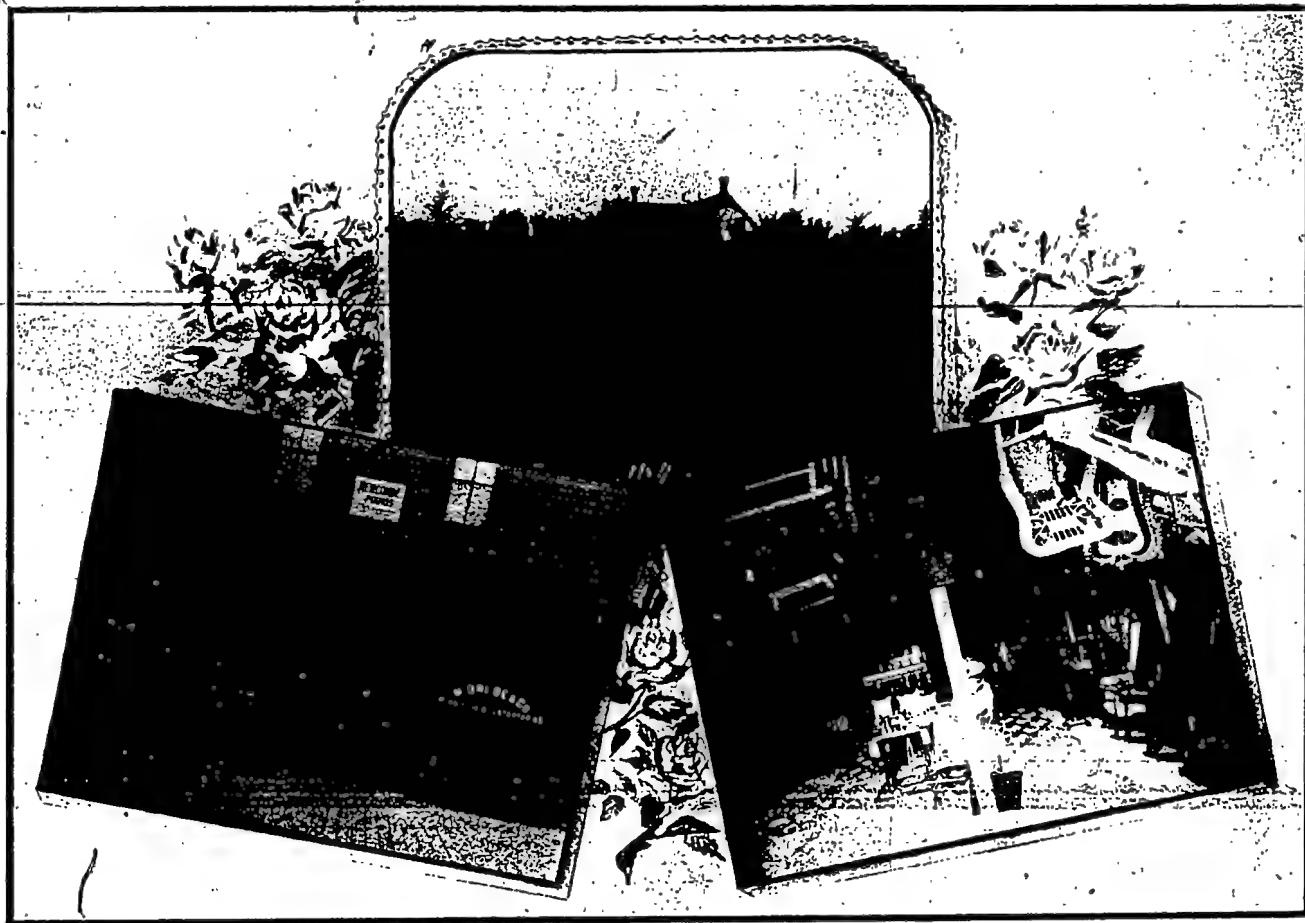


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J. W. BREAKEY, SECRETARY GLENWOOD MUNICIPALITY.



CRESCENT STREET.

SOURIS RIFLE RANGE.



RESIDENCE OF J. E. McBRIDE.
EXTERIOR. McBRIDE & CO., FURNITURE DEALERS. INTERIOR.



PRETTY VIEW IN SOURIS PARK.



OFFICE.

T. L. ARNETT, LUMBER DEALER.

LUMBER YARDS.



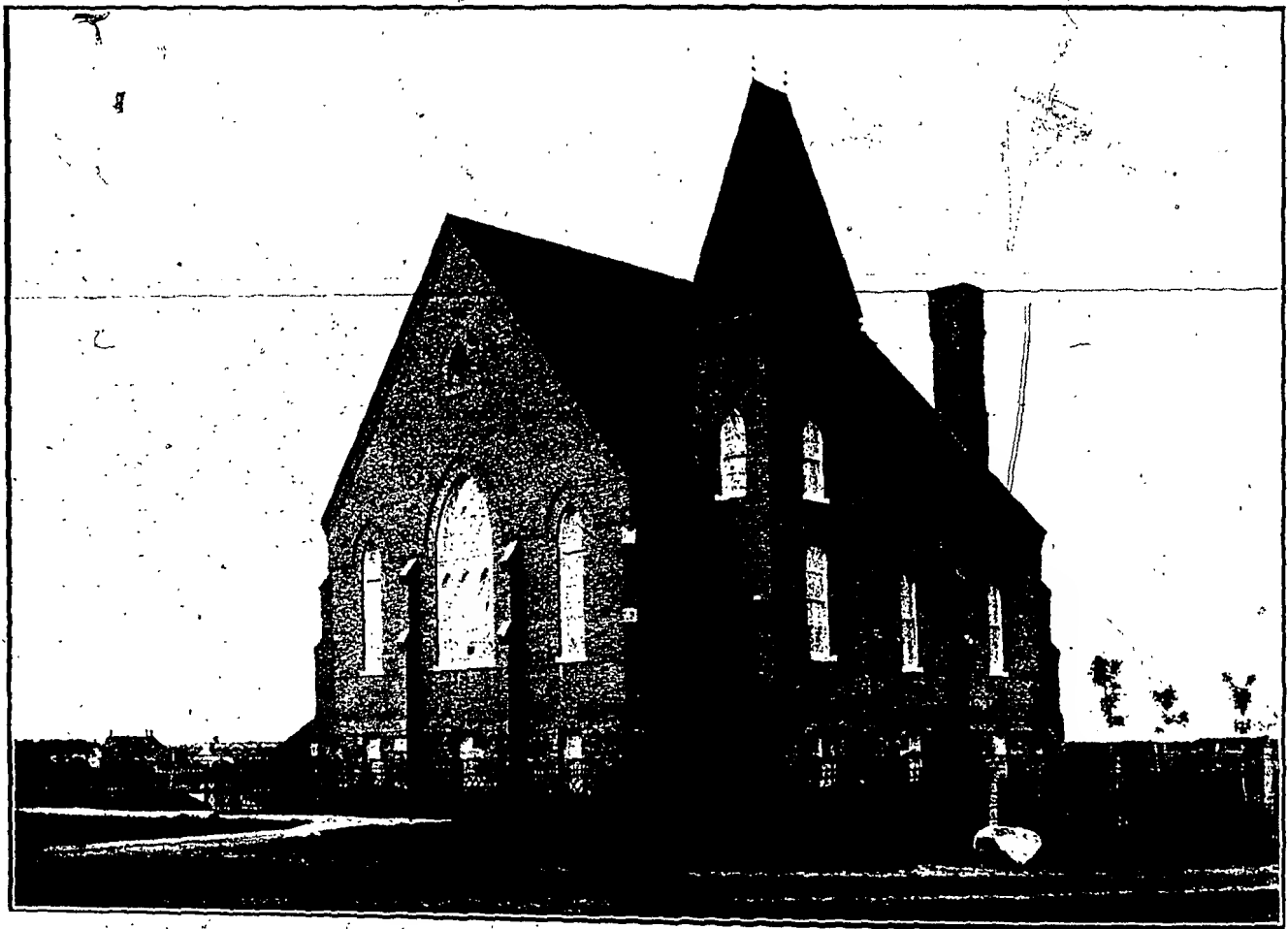
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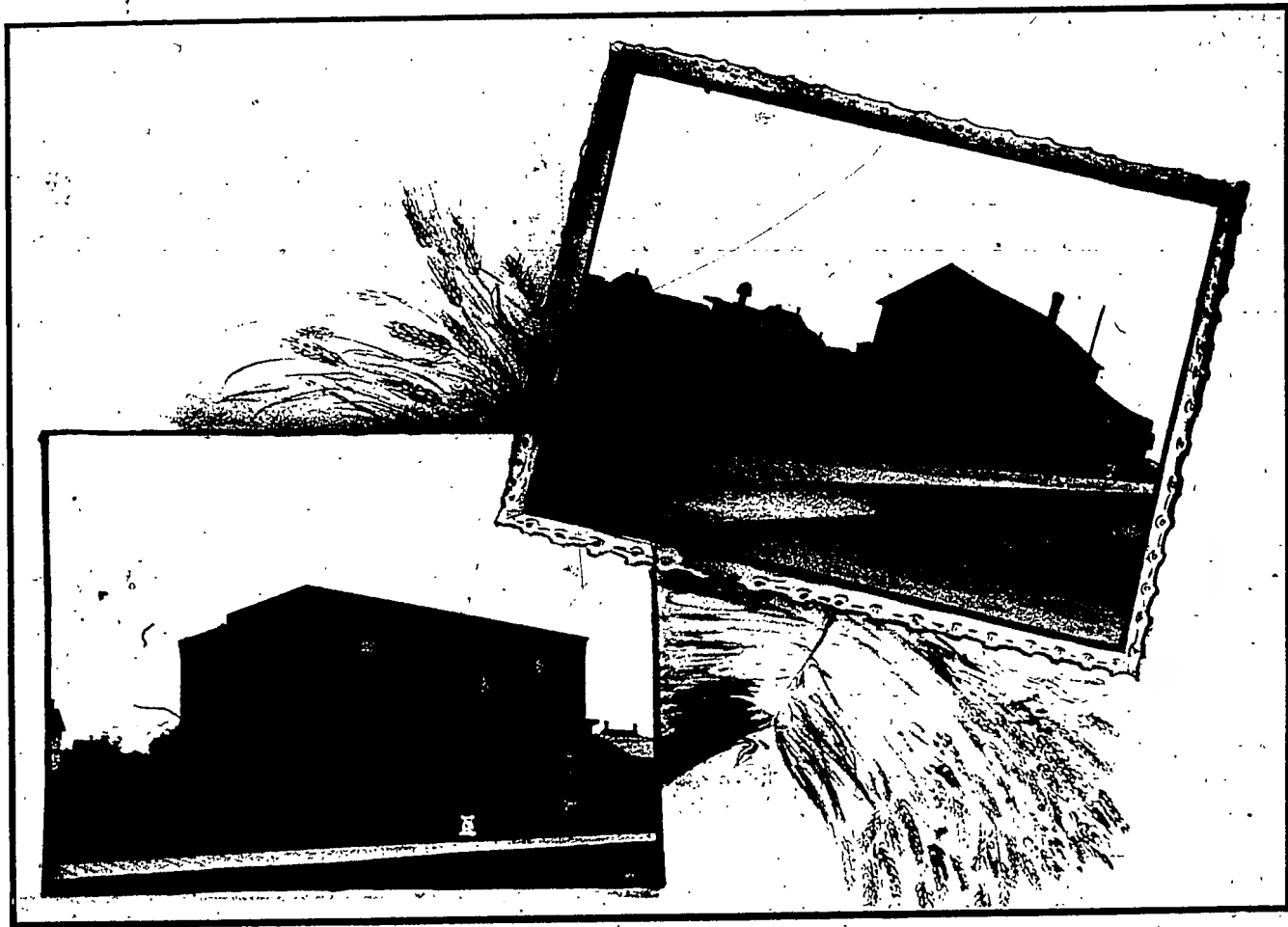
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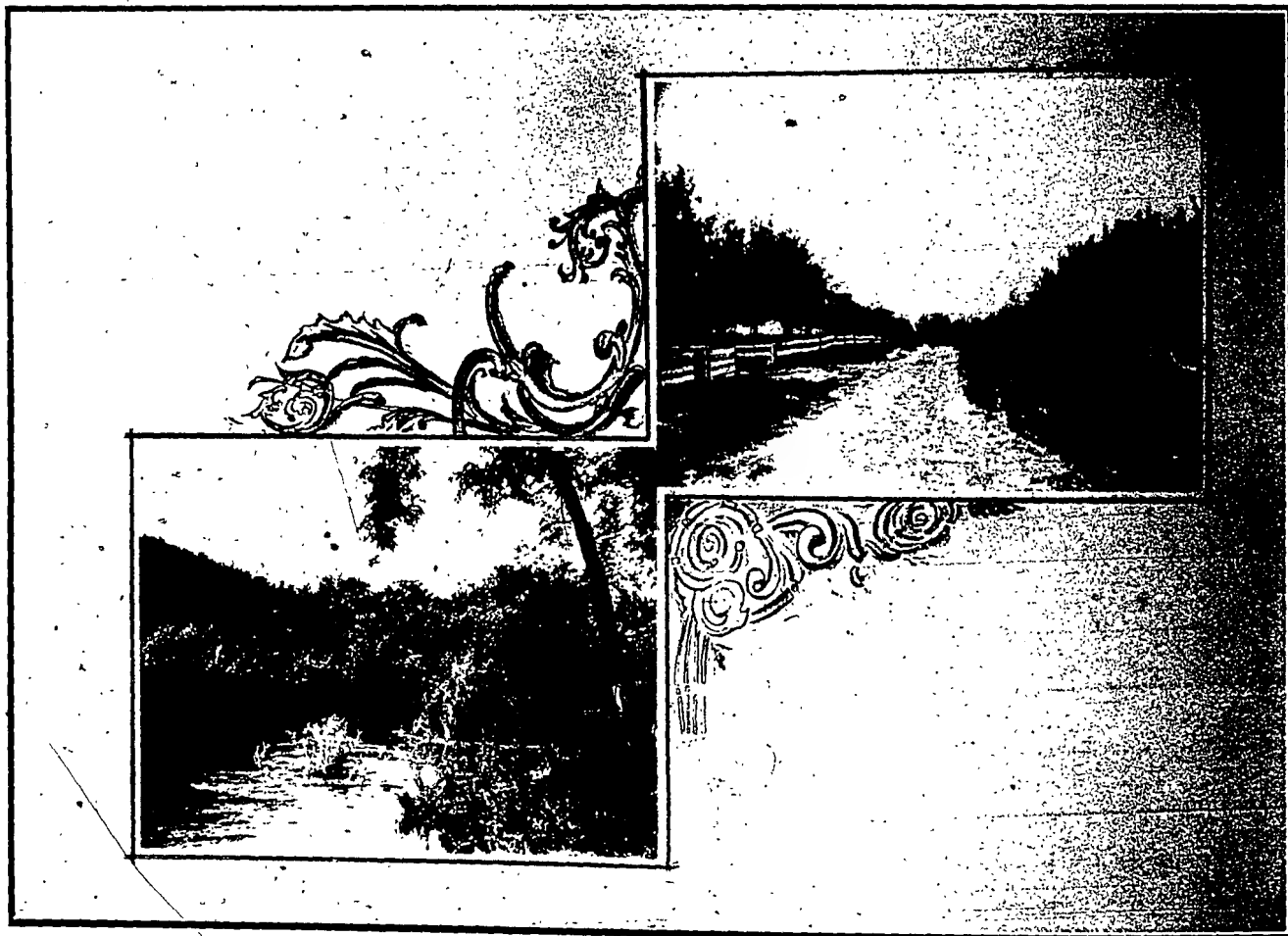
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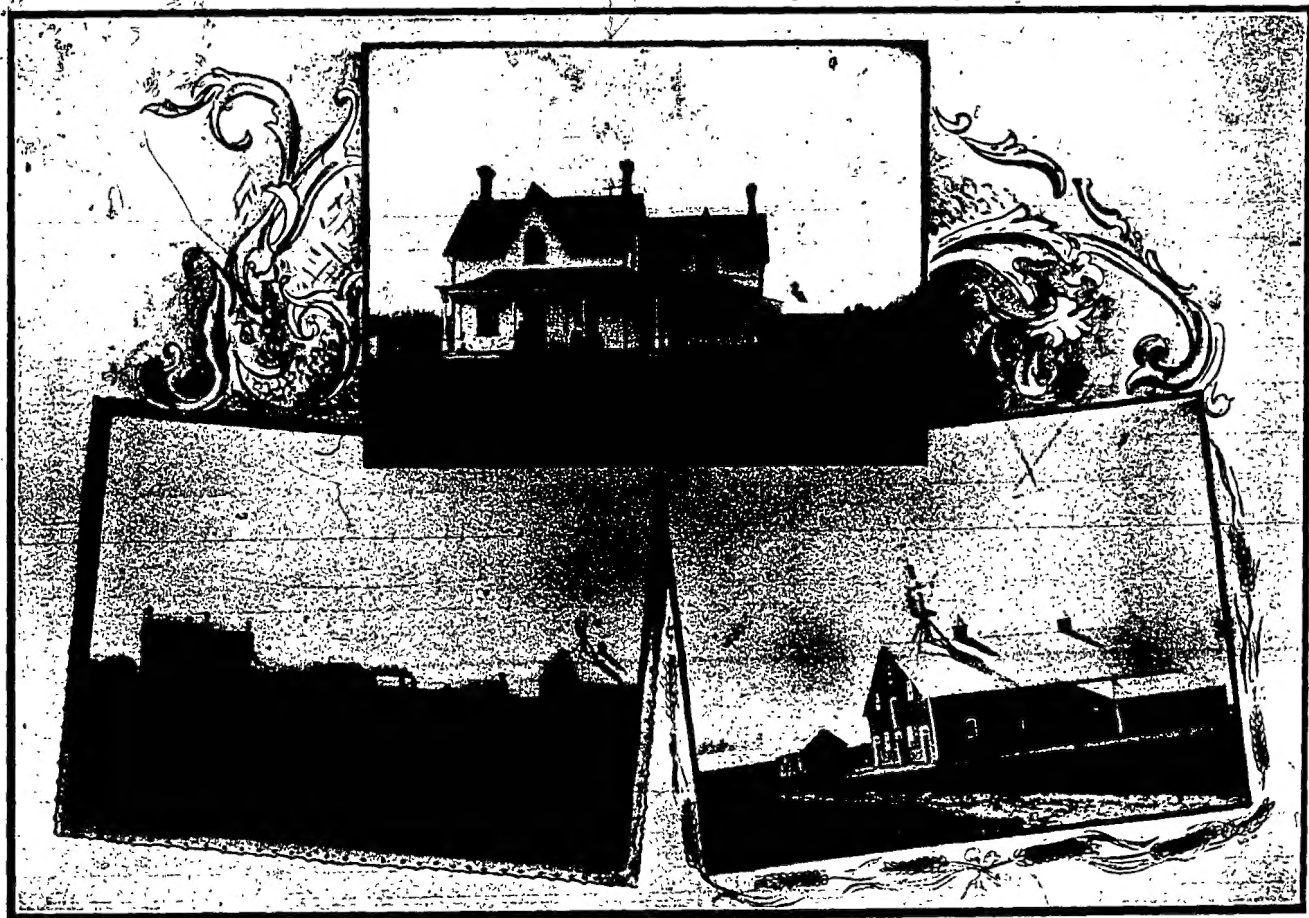


VIEWS ON FARM OF MR. A. E. HETHERINGTON, REAL ESTATE AGENT.



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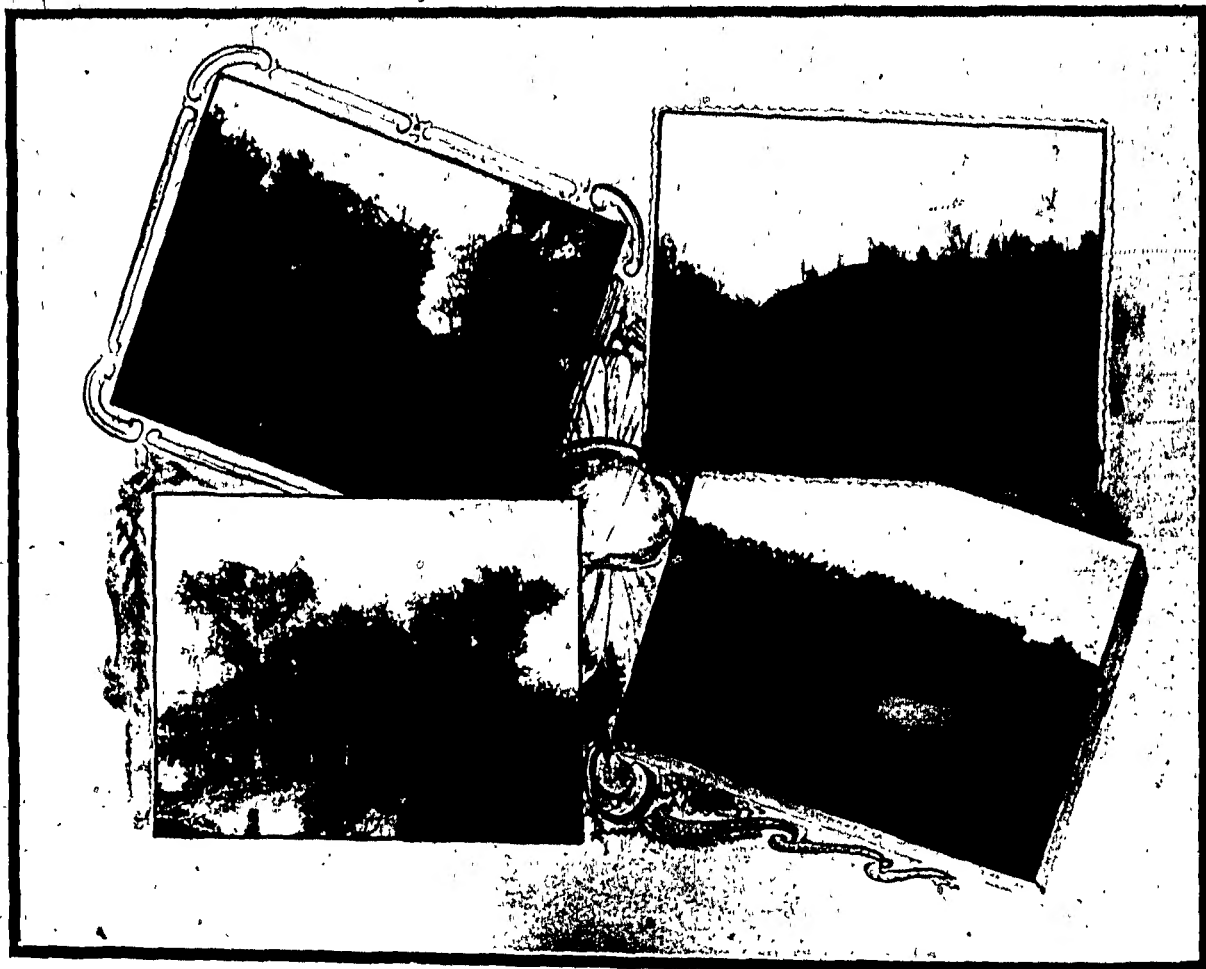
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VIEW OF LAWN.

MR. JOHN MAIR, FARMER.

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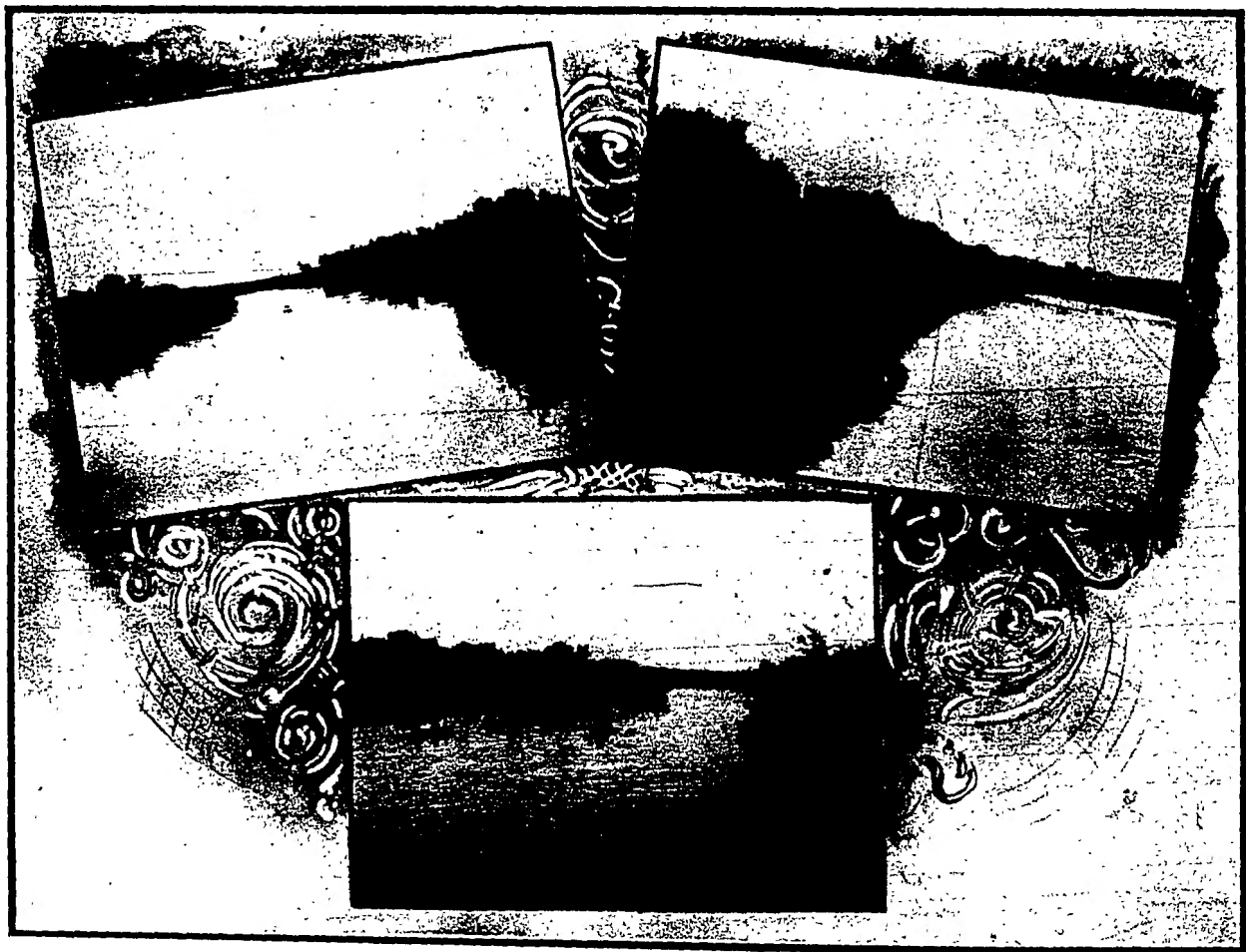
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BARN AND GRANARIES

MR JOHN ZIEGLER, FARMER.

RESIDENCE.



BOATING SCENES ON SOURIS RIVER.